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THE NEWS SUN
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'Her heart had no limits'

Hippenhammer cared for foster children, many stray animals

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KENDALLVILLE — Cassandra Hippenhammer was a foster parent and had a deep love for animals.

"Her heart knew no limits," commented her good friend, Jennifer Getts, president of the Humane Society of Noble County. Mrs. Hippenhammer was vice-president of the humane society and recently had been re-elected to another term.

Mrs. Hippenhammer, 58, of Kendallville passed away Dec. 17, 2010.

"She was never able to have children of her own, but she had many foster children, and her animals, all her children," said her pastor, Barbara Cross of the Rome City United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Hippenhammer served for many years on the humane society board, volunteered at the humane shelter in Kendallville and helped raise funds for the society.

Cassandra Sue Hippenhammer

With her husband, John, they collected canister donations for the shelter. They traveled around Noble County each month collecting doggy banks, counting the donations and promoting the welfare of pets. She even painted the doggie banks when they started to show some wear.

She was instrumental in establishing the silent auction held during the shelter's annual open house that became a profitable fundraiser. She started collecting items last January for the silent auction held last month, according to Sue Abbs, the shelter's business manager.

Mrs. Hippenhammer felt a personal responsibility to help homeless pets, according to Getts.

"Cass was always willing to go the extra mile for homeless pets, and was an advocate for pet microchipping (a permanent identification system for reuniting pets with their masters)," Getts said.

Abbs said she will miss Mrs. Hippenhammer's warm smile and dedication to finding homes for dogs and cats.

Cross described her as a talented artist who made plants in a basket for her and the church.

Mrs. Hippenhammer loved to cook and bake.

"When everybody brought a dish (to a special gathering), Cassie brought a buffet," a relative commented.

Getts admired her positive attitude. She always had some words of encouragement, no matter the problem. She was proud of the foster children she helped raise, and boasted of the grandchildren that came into her life.

"Cass was a mother to everyone she knew, two-legged or four," commented humane society board member Brendan Avery.

Mrs. Hippenhammer is survived by her husband of 39 years, John, and many cousins.

Memorials in her name may be made to the Humane Society of Noble County, 1305 S. Sherman St., Kendallville IN 46755.

THE NEWS SUN
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January 2, 2011, Sunday

Everett Targgart

COLUMBIA CITY — Everett C. Targgart, 80, of Columbia City passed away at 1:10 p.m. Thursday, December 30, 2010 at Miller's Merry Manor Inc., Columbia City. He was born on July 13, 1930 in Noble County and was the son of Dewey and Myrta (Winebrenner) Targgart.

Mr. Targgart

He was raised in Noble County near Burr Oak and Merriam. After his marriage to Donna Holbrook on June 25, 1954 they moved to Columbia City for two years. In 1956 they moved to Noble County and lived there until 1969 when they moved back Columbia City and have lived there since.

He graduated from Wolf Lake High School with the Class of 1948. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War and he received a Bronze Star for heroism in the Battle of Old Baldy. He worked for Dana Weatherhead in Columbia City from 1951-1966, then at Sinclair Oil Distribution for four years with his father-in-law. From 1970-1992 he worked at Dana Distribution in Churubusco and after his retirement in 1992 he worked for Columbia City High School, drove the senior citizen van, worked as a janitor for Columbia City United Methodist Church, and at Shindigz in South Whitley. He was a member of the Columbia City United Methodist Church, American Legion, AARP and former member of the Eagles and Moose.

Survivors include his wife, Donna J. Targgart of Columbia City; daughter, Sharon (Kelly) Taulbee of Columbia City; son, Daniel (Anita) Targgart of Columbia City; three grandsons, Stephen (Tiffany) Taulbee, Jason Taulbee and Joel Targgart all of Columbia City; one great-granddaughter, Mackenzie Taulbee. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Herschel Targgart.

Visitation will be held on Monday, January 3, 2011 from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Demoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home with Pastor David Arnold of Columbia City United Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow at Christian Chapel Cemetery, 4115 South U.S. 33, Merriam.

Memorials may be given in Mr. Targgart's memory to Columbia City United Methodist Church Prayer Room. Visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.

Rhett Chapman

ST. JOE — Rhett B. Chapman, 70, died Friday, December 31, 2010 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born in Allen County on July 12, 1940 to the late C. Richard & M. Madelon (Van Zile) Chapman. He married Flossie Rose Scott on September 21, 1963 in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Chapman

Survivors include his wife Flossie Chapman of St. Joe; son Jack (Crystal) Chapman of Spencerville; Jamie Chapman of St. Joe; Jeff Chapman of Auburn; Jonathan Chapman of St. Joe; daughter Holly Michael of Fort Wayne; brothers John Chapman of Yoder; Kevin Chapman of Hagerstown, Md.; sisters Karen Mahaffey, Cape Charles, Va.; Dara Amstutz of Spencerville; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He worked in road construction doing asphalt paving and also owned the Chapman Bait Store in Spencerville. He loved eagles, fishing, mushroom hunting, bowling and spending time with his family.

Calling will be held on Monday from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville. Services will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the funeral home with burial being in White City Cemetery, Spencerville.

Memorials may be made to Parkview Hospice - 2200 Randallia Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

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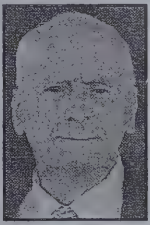
January 2, 2011, Sunday

Anthony Zimmerman

LIGONIER — Anthony Max Zimmerman, 86, of rural Ligonier, passed away at Northridge Village in Albion on Friday, December 31, 2010.

He was born on October 16, 1924 to Clyde & Eva (Billman) Zimmerman in Elkhart County. On May 3, 1946 he married Donnabelle Chiddister in Franklin.

Mr. Zimmerman was a lifetime area resident. He was a farmer early in life, and worked with his brother as an equipment operator for Zimmerman Excavating in Fort Wayne until retirement. He enjoyed his family, rural life, gardening and watching Purdue basketball. He was known for growing pumpkins and his tasty sweet corn.



Mr. Zimmerman

Surviving are his children, M. Dean Zimmerman (Chris) of West Point; Rick G. Zimmerman of Hudson; Gene A. Zimmerman of Ligonier; Kelly J. (Bob) Kelley of Rome City; and a brother, Robert J. Zimmerman.

Also surviving are three grandchildren, Ryan Zimmerman of Augusta, Ga.; Erin McLaughlin of Gainsville, Fla.; and Evan Zimmerman of Clarks Hill; three great-grandchildren and a family friend, Eric Sebahar, of Rome City.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and a brother, James L. Zimmerman.

A funeral service will be held in Mr. Zimmerman's honor on Monday, January 3, 2011 at 2 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

A time of visitation will be held on Sunday, January 2, 2011 from 2-5 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service on Monday.

Memorial contributions are to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online Condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

Mary Frederick

HUDSON — Mary Ellen Frederick, 82, died at her home at 12:11 a.m., Saturday, January 1, 2011.

She was born in Buler, Ind. on December 3,1928 to Walter and Helen (Oberlin) Silberg. Her husband, Lewis D. Frederick died Feb. 12, 1990.

Survivors include a son: Gary Frederick of Hudson; one daughter, Sandy Frederick of Hudson; one sister Bessie Richards of Fort Wayne; and one brother Walter Silberg of Pleasant Lake; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Frederick

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson with Pastor Craig E. Burkholder officiating.

Friends may call at the Johnson Funeral Home Tuesday 4-7 p.m. Burial will be in the Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Condolences may be made to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

Dawn Juarez

FORT WAYNE — Dawn M. Juarez, 39, of Fort Wayne, passed away Dec. 29, 2010 at Parkview Memorial Hospital. Arrangements are being handled by D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne.

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Richard Duncan

BEDFORD — Richard "Dick" Duncan, 83, of Bedford and a former Auburn resident, died Wednesday, Dec. 29, 2010, at 10:30 a.m. at his residence.

Graveside services will be Monday at noon in Leatherwood Christian Church Cemetery.

Calling will be today from 4-8 p.m. at Day and Carter Mortuary in Bedford.

Memorials are to Leatherwood Christian Church or Southern Care Hospice of Bloomington.

Barbara Beachy

MILLERSBURG — Barbara A. Beachy, 88, of Millersburg, died at 10:18 a.m. on Friday, December 31, 2010 at the home of her son Wilbur, Millersburg.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. on Monday January 3, at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 South Main St., Middlebury. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. on Tuesday January 4, at Mount Joy Mennonite Church, Goshen. Services will be conducted by Pastor Ben Shirk and son-in-law Pastor David Yoder. Burial will be in Townline Cemetery, Shipshewana. Memorials may be given to Rosedale Mennonite Missions. Online condolences may be sent to millerstewartfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Debra Tom-Nave

AUBURN — Debra Tom-Nave, 57, died Friday, Dec. 31, 2010, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, Debra worked as a computer processor with Specialized Transportation Inc. She was a member of Dayspring Community Church, Auburn.

Mrs. Tom-Nave

Surviving are her husband, Michael J. Nave of Auburn; her mother, Dorothy Tom of Auburn; two daughters, Laureen (Ken) Voirol of Fort Wayne and Erin K. McCrady of Auburn, three stepdaughters, Kristy Taylor of Warren, Michelle Nave of Mt. Comfort, and Lee Ann Nave; a brother, Terry Tom; a sister, Lynne Loubier of Albany, Ga.; five grandsons; and one granddaughter.

Debra was preceded in death by her father, Robert Tom.

Services will be at 2 p.m., Wednesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 East Dupont Road, Fort Wayne, with William Lyne officiating. Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials may be made to the Dayspring Community Church, 1700 E. 7th St., Auburn, IN 46706, or the Leukemia Society of America, Indiana Chapter.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Sandra Healy

AUBURN — Sandra Maxine (Immel) Healy, 72, of Auburn, went to be with God on Jan. 1, 2011, in the cancer care unit at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, under hospice care.

She was born Aug. 4, 1938, in Ashley to Harold and Georgia (Tuttle) Immel. They both preceded her in death.

Mrs. Healy

She married Lawrence Edward Healy on Nov. 15, 1958, in Auburn. He passed away on Aug. 2, 1997.

Mrs. Healy was a homemaker while raising her family. She then went to work at Airway in Auburn, Wesley Health Care, and Ponderosa.

She was a member of the Butler Eagles and in past years she was a volunteer for the Jackson Township Fire Department.

Surviving are her companion, Jack Cluster and his family of Auburn; a son, Mark Healy of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Synthia Coons of Auburn, and Stephanie and Kevin Miller of Auburn; a stepson and his spouse, Jerry and Mary Healy of Florida; a stepdaughter and her spouse, Carolyn and Ozzie Stayer of Waterloo; 12 grandchildren, Dawn Wells, Misty Bell, Kandy Crager, Amber Crager, Sandra Rodriguez, Markie Healy, Nathan Healy, Tiffany Greenwood, Nikki Healy, Kris Heimach, Lonnie Hartman, and Lorna Stayer; 25 great-grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; a brother, Clair Immel and his family of Butler; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Paul Patton officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Robert Vanderpool

AUBURN — Robert "Bob" Vanderpool Jr., 75, of Auburn died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011, at the Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Bob was born March 6, 1935, in Hueysville, Ky., to Robert and Rachael (Hicks) Vanderpool Sr.

He worked for 25 years as a truck driver for Cooper Industrial Products of Auburn before retiring in 1997.

He was a U.S. Army Korean War Veteran. He was a member and very active in the Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church and loved to play his guitar worshiping his Lord.

He was also a member of the Auburn American Legion Post 97 and the N.R.A.

Bob married Nancy Slone on April 14, 1954, in Brinkley, Ky., and she survives. He is also survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, N. Jean Schendel-Findley (Michael Findley) of Huntertown and Joyce (Mike) Boswell of Auburn; son Charles M. Vanderpool of Auburn; sister Betty Jane McDaniel of Auburn; six grandchildren, David Vanderpool, Robert Vanderpool, Sarah Schendel, Katie (Bwana) Clements, Erik Boswell and Jaime Boswell; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Adolph Collins and Rodolph Collins.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011, at Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church with the Rev. Ron Stambaugh and the Rev. Willie Collins officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. Calling is Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, and also one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the church.

Memorials can be directed to Waterloo Freewill Baptist Church or Visiting Nurse and Hospice Home, Fort Wayne.

To view an obituary or send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Lee Inman

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Kendallville native Lee R. Inman, 85, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011, in Anaheim, Calif.

Services will be scheduled at a later date. Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is handling local arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
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January 4, 2011, Tuesday

Otis Hawk

ALBION — Otis Calvin Hawk, age 87, of Albion died on Sunday, January 2, 2011, at 2:35 a.m. at Northridge Village Nursing Home in Albion. He had been in declining health for the last three months.

He was born on May 31, 1923, in Green Township, Noble County, and was the son of the late Alvia Dora and Eva (Diffeadaffer) Hawk.

He was a tool and dye maker at Flint & Walling in Kendallville from March 1947 until his retirement in May of 1986.

On July 21, 1945, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion, he married Ethel Mae Poage. She died on May 10, 1999.

Mr. Hawk proudly served his country in the United States Army during World War II.

He was known as a "junkin" and loved to take things apart and sell. He tinkered with anything and could tear apart and rebuild anything from a toaster to an engine.

He loved to fish and go to the Noble County Saddle Club to watch his granddaughter in horse shows.

He had an unintentional lawn tractor collection, loved to go to auctions and go to tractor shows with his son. In his younger years, he loved to cut wood, and garden.

He was a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diana Lynn and Leslie Coe of Albion; a son, Darl Lee Hawk of Albion; four grandchildren, Tony Hawk, Brian Hawk, Kerry Hawk and Ashlee Hawk; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are his sisters, Helen Bailey of Parlan, Texas, Elouise McCain of Bakersfield, California, and Marilyn Jean Meyers of Churubusco.

He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, a brother, Robert Hawk, and sisters, Ruth Ardhuermily and Lenora Gross.

Funeral services for Mr. Hawk will be Thursday, January 6, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. The Rev. Bret Frymier will officiate.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 p.m. on Wednesday evening at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Visitation is also one hour prior to the funeral on Thursday at the church.

Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery in Albion. Albion American Legion Post 246 will conduct military graveside rites.

Memorials may be made to the Disabled Veterans Association.

Vivien Krugler

LAGRANGE — Vivien E. Krugler, 91, of LaGrange died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Krugler

Mrs. Krugler had been a homemaker.

She had moved to Stroh in 1976 from Aurora, Ill.

She was born April 2, 1919, in Rockford, Ill., to John and Anna (Carlson) Swanson. She married Myron H. Krugler on Jan. 14, 1944, in Rockford, Ill. He preceded her in death on June 2, 1978.

Surviving are two nieces, Joan Myers of Western Springs, Fla., and Jodie Hanzlik of Fort Collins, Colo.; and a nephew, Dewane Krugler of Anderson.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; and a sister, Elsie Redditi on Dec. 26, 2002.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday at Brushy Chapel Cemetery, C.R. 200S and S.R. 3, LaGrange, with Jeffrey L. Cook officiating.

Memorials are to the LaGrange County Animal Shelter.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Ruth Taylor

Mrs. Taylor

FREMONT — Ruth A. Taylor, 91, of Fremont, Indiana, died Sunday, January 2, 2011, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mrs. Taylor was a homemaker. She also helped with the family business, serving as bookkeeper for Taylor's Trucking and Farm.

She was a 1937 graduate of Fremont High School.

She was a member of East Gilead Missionary Church in Bronson, Michigan. She was also a member of the Mill Ponders Home Economics Club.

Mrs. Taylor enjoyed cooking, sewing, knitting, puzzles and gardening.

She was born August 24, 1919, in Jamestown Township, Steuben County, Indiana, to Andrew H. and Jessie J. (Durnell) Lytle. She was married to Elmo Taylor for 47 years. He preceded her in death on Nov. 19, 1983.

Surviving are two daughters, Barbara and Bruce Knox of Fremont, Indiana, and Nancy and Richard Weston of Cross Roads, Texas; a son, Richard and Elisabeth Taylor of Matlacha, Florida; five grandchildren, Victoria and Richard A. Taylor Jr. of Cape Coral, Florida, Caresse Bullock of Arlington, Virginia, Christy Moultrie of Colorado Springs, Colorado, Julie and Bruce A. Knox Jr. of San Antonio, Texas, and Deborah and Jeff Hefley of Spring, Texas; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Hank Lytle; two sisters, Margaret Boyer and Edith Woods; and a daughter-in-law, Mary Ann Taylor.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, January 5, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Indiana, and one hour prior to the funeral Thursday at the church.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 6, 2011, at East Gilead Missionary Church, 228 Block Road, Bronson, Mich., with the Rev. David Cole and the Rev. Harry Squires officiating.

Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery at Fremont, Indiana.

Memorials are to East Gilead Missionary Church or Jamaica missionary Janet Claycomb in care of the Assembly of God Church in Angola, Indiana.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Alice Potts

ORLAND — Alice L. Potts, 89, died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011, at Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola

Arrangements pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Minnie Lackey

HOWE — Minnie "Louise" Lackey, 75, of Howe died Monday, January 3, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Dan Routsong

MCALLEN, TEXAS — Dan C. Routsong, 69, of McAllen, Texas, formerly of Ligonier died Sunday, Jan. 2, 2011 at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Edward Lambright Jr.

SHIPSHEWANA — Edward Lambright Jr., 75, of Shipshewana died Monday, January 3, 2011 at his home.

Visitation will be after 2 p.m. on Tuesday at his residence, 2420 North 700W, Shipshewana.

Additional arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 4, 2011, Tuesday

William Moore

AUBURN — William H. Moore, 91, of Auburn died Sunday, January 2, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Moore

Bill was born on June 1, 1919, in Auburn to Henry and Ada (Van) Moore.

He was a mechanic most of his life. He co-owned and operated the Smith and Moore Mobile Gas Station in Auburn for a number of years, then he went to work for the Allison Corporation retiring from there in 1981.

He served his country during WWII as an airplane mechanic in the U.S. Navy.

Bill was a member of the Auburn Elks Lodge and a 50-year member of the Auburn Moose Lodge.

He loved to golf, fish and he formerly bowled in the Monday and Thursday night leagues.

He married Judith (Ridenour) Seavers on August 2, 1971, in Auburn and she survives.

He is also survived by two daughters, Vickie (Lloyd) Collins of Philadelphia, Pa., and Sandra Campbell of New Haven; a stepdaughter and stepson, Julie (Dave) Cramer of Peoria, Ill., and Jeff (Carole) Seavers of Auburn; seven grandchildren, Tori Collins, Angie (Kirk) Oldham, Sarah (Ben) Michel, Connor Seavers, Austin Seavers, Riley Seavers and Brock Seavers; and three great-grandchildren, Riley and Jackson Oldham and Max Michel.

Bill was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Helen (Nugen) Moore; and three sisters, Dorothy Thomas, Helen Rose and Bonnie Newbauer.

Graveside services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, January 5, 2011, at Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating.

Calling is today, Tuesday, January 4, from 4 to 7 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Memorials can be directed to the American Lung Association.

To view an obituary or send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Maryann Brenkus

LAOTTO — Maryann A. Brenkus, 99, of rural LaOtto died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011, in Millers Merry Manor Nursing Center, Garrett.

Honoring her wishes, there will be no calling hours or services. Disposition of the ashes will take place at a later date.

Condolences may be made to the family online at sheetsandchilds.net.

Janet Stine

AUBURN — Janet J. Stine, 76, of Auburn died Monday, Jan. 3, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Stine was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She was born Dec. 9, 1934, in Fort Wayne to Vance and Loella Harsh. She married Robert J. Stine on Feb. 19, 1955, in Fort Wayne. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Steve and Nancy Stine of Garrett, Ken Stine of Auburn and Randy and Karen Stine of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Jeff Lyons of Fairfield, Ill.; 15 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a granddaughter.

A Mass of Christian burial will be at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Derrick Sneyd officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Visitation will begin at 10:30 a.m. Thursday prior to the service at the church. There will also be visitation from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials are to Heritage Mission Children's Home, 1825 W. Shoaff Road, Huntertown, IN 46748.

Send condolences to www.fellerandclark.com.

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January 5, 2011, Wednesday

Alice Potts

ORLAND — Alice L. Potts, 89, passed away Sunday, January 2, 2011, at Lakeland Nursing Home in Angola.

Mrs. Potts

Mrs. Potts was a homemaker.

She was a member of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Stroh.

Alice was born December 18, 1921, in Fort Wayne to Marley and Ella (Householder) Pierce.

Her husband, Rolland L. "Bud" Potts, passed away in 1995.

Surviving are her nieces and nephews, Barb Pierce of Michigan, Jim and Wanda Pierce of Florida, Michael and Vicki Pierce of Ohio, Tim and Sara Pierce of Florida, Jim and Joanie Pierce of Fort Wayne, Katherine E. Pierce of Indiana, Missy and Don Lampe of Florida, Robert and Andre Dorsey of Fremont, Sanee Lombardi of Fort Wayne and Shirley Pierce of Texas; two sisters-in-law, Eileen and Robert Straub of Columbia City and Carole and Roland Dorsey of Orland; and many great-nieces and great-nephews.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Charlie Pierce and Merritt Pierce, and a sister, Katherine Johnson.

Services will be at 11 a.m Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson, with calling after 9 a.m.

Pastor James L. Elsner will officiate and burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery at Orland.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials are to Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Stroh, or the American Legion Auxiliary 423 at Orland, Ind.

Condolences may be sent online to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

Minnie Lackey

HOWE — Minnie "Louise" Lackey, 75, of Howe died Monday, Jan. 3, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday at the Little Flossie Church in Lisbon.

Visitation will be from 4 p.m. today until 10 a.m. Friday at the church. Religious services will be held at 6 p.m. today and 6 p.m. Thursday at the church.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health and Hospice.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Donna Davis

AUBURN — Donna Mae Davis, 85, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

A full obituary will appear in the Thursday edition.

Vivian Fidler

CHURUBUSCO — Vivian Louise Fidler, 88, of Churubusco died Saturday, Jan. 1, 2011, in the Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at noon Thursday at Sheets and Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Visitation will from 10 a.m to noon Thursday at the funeral home.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 5, 2011, Wednesday

Dr. Donald E. Welsh, 81

Dr. Donald E. Welsh, 81, a prominent Churubusco veterinarian and community leader, passed away on December 27, 2010 at his residence with his family by his side. He had been diagnosed with cancer on September 2, 2010.

Dr. Welsh was born in Zanesville, Ohio on August 7, 1929, a son of Stanley and Doris (Vandenbark) Welsh, and graduated from high school there. He had earned an Associates Degree from Michigan State University, and was engaged in farming until he entered Ohio State University, where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in agriculture and a doctorate in veterinary medicine.

Upon completing his education he worked for one year in Lynn, Indiana before moving to Churubusco and taking over the practice of former Churubusco veterinarian Dr. Bradley in 1963. His career as a veterinarian spanned a period of over 43 years, and he was the owner and operator of Churubusco Veterinary Hospital for 42 years, retiring in 2005. Following his retirement, he continued to work part time at the clinic now operated by his former associate, Dr. Neil Hanni.

In addition to his veterinary practice, he held memberships in a variety of civic and fraternal organizations. He was a member of Churubusco United Methodist Church, past master of Churubusco Masonic Lodge # 515 F & AM, and was a member of Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star # 136, Mizpah Shrine in Fort Wayne, Whitley County Shrine Club, and Scottish Rite, Valley of Fort Wayne. For several years he served on the executive board of the Humane Society of Whitley County and the Churubusco Chamber of Commerce, and was named Churubusco Chamber of Commerce "Citizen of the Year" in 1999. He was a member of the Churubusco Rotary. He enjoyed playing golf, and riding his bike. He rode several years in the Hilly Hundred bicycle ride.

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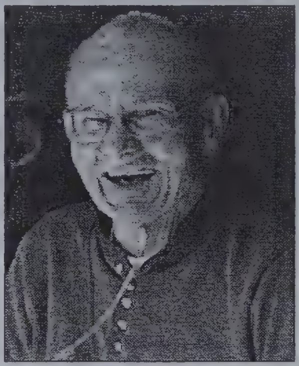
On March 14, 1992, he was married in Churubusco to Darlene (Polick). She survives.Other surviving relatives include two sons, Brian (Tracy) Welsh of Greenwood, and Ronald (Donna) Welsh of Mooresville, NC; three step-children, Cynthia (Tom) Ritter of Oregon, OH, Kenneth Polick of Riverview, FL, and Roger (Wynelle) Ulrich of Vacaville, CA; a sister, Marie (Russ) Bolin of Zanesville, OH; his brother Robert Welsh of Mt. Pleasant, MI; seven grandchildren, Audree (Chad) Ousley, Diana Welsh, Megan Welsh, Matt Welsh, Morgan Welsh, Delaney Welsh, and Greyson Welsh; eight step-grandchildren, Christie Slaman, Brian Slaman, Elysia Ulrich, Zachary Ulrich, Allison Ulrich, Andrea Polick, Becca Polick, and Ben Polick; nieces Trudy Matz, Pam Derry, Deborah Welsh, and Kellie Froelicher.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son George on June 26, 2009.

Funeral services were held on Friday December 31, 2010 in the Churubusco United Methodist Church, 750 N. Main Street, with Pastor Corinne K. Boruff officiating.

Interment was in the Riverview Cemetery, South of Churubusco. For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Churubusco United Methodist Church, or the Whitley County Humane Society.

James A. Harris, 77



HUNTERTOWN -- James A. Harris, Sr., 77, of Huntertown, formerly of the Albion area, died Wednesday, December 22, 2010 at Parkview Hospital.

Born October 2, 1933, he was the son of the late Claude and Ora (Scribner) Harris. Jim worked in the transportation industry for many years at OIM and Elway Express. He was an avid golfer in his early years, and a member of the Fort Wayne Transportation Club.

He is survived by his wife, Diane Harris; daughters, Deb (Thom) Fitzcharles and Karen (Shane) Coffey; and a son, James (Kelley) Harris, Jr. Grandpa was cherished and will be greatly missed by his eight grandchilden and four great-grandchildren. Jim also is survived by two brothers, Jack and Ben, and two sisters, Pat Wolf and Barb Larimer. He was preceded in death by six brothers and two sisters.

Burial was in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Lung Association.

Sloan and Sons Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. A video tribute may be viewed by going to www.sloanandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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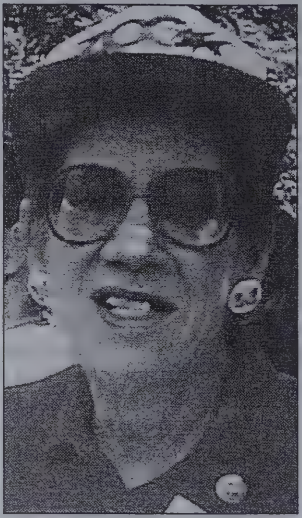
Phyllis Louisa Barber, 81



Phyllis Louisa Barber, age 81, a former resident of Hobson Road in Fort Wayne died Saturday morning in the Glenbrook Rehabilitation Center where she had been a patient for a few months.

Phyllis was born on April 6, 1929 in Fort Wayne the daughter of the late Phil and Martha (Brown) Barber. As a young girl she graduated from Central High School with the class of 1947, and then worked for Lincoln Life and later at Mechanics Laundry for 25 years, She loved her volunteer work at the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo; she started there in 1990 and ran the carousel for 10 years. She was also a former YMCA board member and former director of Y-Teens.

Her survivors include her two cousins, Elizabeth (Clark) Derbyshire of Fort Wayne and Kirk (Rebecca) Carrington of Albion; and nieces and nephews and a great many friends.

A service will be held at 2:20 p.m. on Wednesday January 5, 2011 in the Chapel inside Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne. The family will receive friends at 2:00 p.m. For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Allen County Heart Association or the Local Multiple Sclerosis foundation. Sheets and Childs Funeral Home of Churubusco has been entrusted with the services.

You are invited to leave a memorial for the family and may do so by logging onto, www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Steven Arthur Bair, 62

Steven Arthur Bair, 62, of rural Kendallville, died at 4:20 a.m. Tuesday, December 28, 2010 after a courageous battle with cancer at his residence north of Kendallville.

Steve was born on May 5, 1948 in Kendallville to the late Willis Arthur and Marcelle Julia (Gehring) Bair.

He was a lifetime area resident and during the Vietnam War he proudly served his country in the U.S. Army as a Spec 5.

He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and Chicago Bears Fan.

On March 19, 1983 he married Dawn (Noble) Bair, she survives in Kendallville.

He had previously been employed in manufacturing as as Quality Inspector at Budd Corporation, Lisle Corporation. Flint and Walling in Kendallville was the last place he was employed.

He is survived by his ex-wife and caregiver, Dawn, two sisters and brothers-in-law; Marsha and Denzil Gose of Grand Junction, CO. Monica Sue Talbott of Kendallville; brother, Kenton Bair of Kendallville.

Also surviving are mother and father-in-law, Polly and Jake Riddle of Avilla; father-in-law, Russell Campbell of Garrett; two brothers-in-law, Curtis Campbell of Avilla and Russell Duane Campbell of Virginia.

Per Steve's request, there will be no visitation or funeral service. Cremation will take place.

Memorials may be directed to his caregiver, Dawn for final expenses. Memorial donations may be sent to the funeral home in care of Dawn Bair.

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Brazzell Funeral Homes and Cremation Service, Avilla Chapel.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book, go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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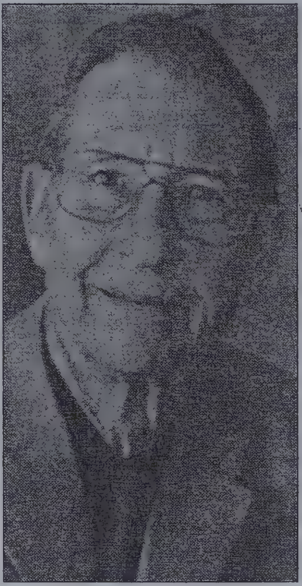
Everett C. Targgart, 80



Everett C. Targgart, age 80, of Columbia City, Ind. passed away at 1:10 p.m. Thursday, December 30, 2010 at Miller's Merry Manor Inc., Columbia City, Ind. Born on July 13, 1930 in Noble County, Ind., he was the son of Dewey and Myrta (Winebrenner) Targgart.

He was raised in Noble County near Burr Oak and Merriam, Ind. After his marriage to Donna Holbrook on June 25, 1954 they moved to Columbia City for 2 years. In 1956 they moved to Noble County and lived there until 1969 when they moved back Columbia City and have lived there since. He graduated from Wolf Lake High School with the Class of 1948. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War and he received a Bronze Star for heroism in the Battle of Old Baldy. He worked for Dana Weatherhead in Columbia City from 1951-1966, then at Sinclair Oil Distribution for four years with his father-in-law. From 1970-1992 he worked at Dana Distribution in Churubusco and after his retirement in 1992 he worked for Columbia City High School, drove the Senior Citizen Van, worked as a janitor for Columbia City United Methodist Church, and at Shindigz in South Whitley. He was a member of the Columbia City United Methodist Church, American Legion, AARP and former member of the Eagles and Moose.

Survivors include his wife, Donna J. Targgart of Columbia City; daughter, Sharon (Kelly) Taulbee of Columbia City; son, Daniel (Anita) Targgart of Columbia City; three grandsons, Stephen (Tiffany) Taulbee, Jason Taulbee and Joel Targgart all of Columbia City; one great-granddaughter, Mackenzie Taulbee. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Herschel Targgart.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, January 4, 2011 at the funeral home with Pastor David Arnold of Columbia City United Methodist Church officiating. Burial followed at Christian Chapel Cemetery, 4115 South U.S. 33, Merriam, IN. Memorials may be given in Mr. Targgart's memory to Columbia City United Methodist Church Prayer Room. Please visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.

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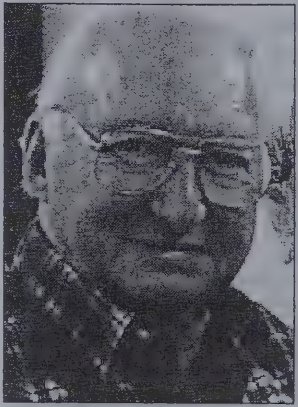
Fay E. Brown, 77



Fay E. Brown, AKA "George Duncan", age 77, of Big Lake of rural Noble County, passed away at 6:24 PM Tuesday, December 28, 2010 in Parkview Whitley Hospital of Columbia City following a brief illness.

He was born on April 16, 1933 to Donald E. & Lavonne (Conrad) Brown in Whitley County. On October 1, 1960 he married Marcella Hunt. They recently celebrated 50 years of marriage.

Mr. Brown was lifetime area resident and graduated from Churubusco High School. He was known as a "Jack of all trades and master of few". He had worked as a sheep shearer since the age of 8 years old, eventually becoming the Indiana State Sheep Shearing Champion in 1963. Over the years he had also worked as a truck driver, a butcher, a painter, and along with his wife, had owned and operated Brown's Variety Storage at Big Lake since 1991.

Mr. Brown was a member of the Ligonier United Methodist Church. He had a special passion for the mission field and had served all across the United States, as well as serving in Jamaica and Africa.

Survivors include his wife, Marcella Brown of Big Lake; eight children, Brenda (Dan) Becker of Goshen, Paula (John McNeal) Conrad of Wolcottville, Mark (Chris) Brown of Albion, Terrie (Sherman) Robinson of Fremont, Penny Dhonau of Ligonier, Elaine Nichols of Shipshewana, Rebecca (Mitch) Flannery of Olympia, KY, Shelia (Mike) Hoppus of Columbia City, IN; twenty grandchildren; twenty-five great-grandchildren; one brother, Dean (Sharon) Brown of Phoenix, AZ; and one sister, Sharon Lee Notestine of Atlanta, GA. He was preceded in death by his parents and one grandson, Wesley Steven Brown in 2007.

A funeral service was held on Saturday, January 1, 2011 at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN with Pastor Byron Kaiser and Celebrant Larry Baker officiating. Burial was in Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery in Albion.

Memorial contributions are to Ligonier United Methodist Church Youth Mission Fund, 466 Townline Rd., Ligonier, IN 46767.

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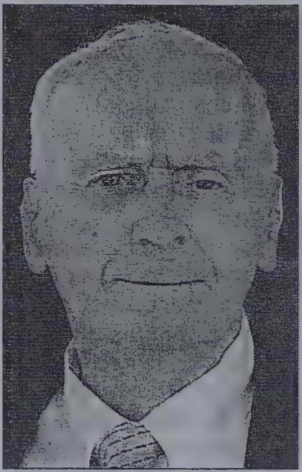
Anthony Zimmerman, 86



Anthony Max Zimmerman, age 86, of rural Ligonier, passed away at Northridge Village in Albion on Friday, December 31, 2010.

He was born on October 16, 1924 to Clyde & Eva (Billman) Zimmerman in Elkhart County. On May 3, 1946 he married Donnabelle Chiddister in Franklin, IN.

Mr. Zimmerman was a lifetime area resident. He was a farmer early in life, and worked with his brother as an equipment operator for Zimmerman Excavating in Fort Wayne until retirement. He enjoyed his family, rural life, gardening and watching Purdue basketball. He was known for growing pumpkins and his tasty sweet corn.

Surviving are his children, M. Dean Zimmerman (Chris) of West Point, IN, Rick G. Zimmerman of Hudson, IN, Gene A. Zimmerman of Ligonier, IN, Kelly J. (Bob) Kelley of Rome City, IN; and a brother, Robert J. Zimmerman.

Also surviving are three grandchildren, Ryan Zimmerman of Augusta, GA; Erin McLaughlin of Gainsville, FL; and Evan Zimmerman of Clarks Hill, IN; three great-grandchildren and a family friend, Eric Sebahar, of Rome City.

He was preceded in death by his wife, parents and a brother, James L. Zimmerman.

A funeral service was held in Mr. Zimmerman's honor on Monday, January 3, 2011 at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorial contributions are to the American Cancer Society- P.O. Box 22718, Oklahoma City, OK 73123.

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Russell L. Rugg, 60

Russell L. Rugg, age 60, of Silver Lake south of Albion died on Wednesday, December 29, 2010 at his home.

Mr. Rugg was born in Fayette County, Pennsylvania on August 16, 1950 to Glen Joesph and Daisy Mae (Shroyer) Rugg. His mother survives in Kendallville.

He graduated from Fort Wayne Northside High School in 1969.

Mr. Rugg then went on to honorably serve his country in the United States Army During the Vietnam War. During his service he earned the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, two Expert Rifle Medals, two Oversea Service Medals, Combat Infantryman Badge and an Air Medal.

He married Charlene E. Davis on July 8, 1978 in Angola at West Otter Lake. She survives in Albion.

Mr. Rugg worked for Robert Sheets Plumbing and Heating in Fort Wayne for 35 years until 2010.

He was a member of the Kendallville VFW # 2749 and the Rome City American Legion Post 381. During his free time he liked to ice fish, deer hunt and he enjoyed gardening. He also loved to spend time with his family and friends.

Survivors include: his wife; Charlene E. Rugg of Albion, his mother; Daisy Mae Rugg of Kendallville, one son; Russell Blake Rugg of Fort Wayne, one daughter; Tammy Wenhart and her fiance Don Flaugh of Columbia City, two sisters; Freda and Terry Davis of Big Turkey Lake, Ruth Holland of Kendallville, one brother; Bill and Carla Rugg of Birmingham, Alabama, six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, twenty nieces and nephews, one sister-in-law; Sherry Sowards of Fort Wayne

He was preceded in death by his father; Glen Joseph Rugg, two brothers; Melvin E. Rugg and Joesph G. Rugg, two grandchildren, one brother-in-law; Douglas Holland.

Funeral services were Monday, January 3, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Percy Young.

Burial was at Lakeview Cemetery in Kendallville.

Military graveside services were provided by Kendallville VFW Post 2749 and Rome City American Legion Post 381 Honor Guards.

Preferred memorials may be directed to the Rugg Family.

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Otis Calvin Hawk, 87

Otis Calvin Hawk, age 87, of Albion, died on Sunday January 2, 2011 at 2:35 AM at Northridge Village Nursing Home in Albion. He had been in declining health for the last 3 months.

He was born on May 31, 1923 in Green Township, Noble County and was the son of the late Alvia Dora and Eva (Diffeadaffer) Hawk.

He was a tool and dye maker at Flint & Walling in Kendallville from March 1947 until his retirement in May of 1986.

On July 21, 1945 at St. Marks Lutheran Church in Albion, he married Ethel Mae Poage. She died on May 10, 1999.

Mr. Hawk proudly served his country in the United States Army during World War II. He was known as a "junkin" and loved to take things apart and sell, He tinkered with anything and could tear apart and rebuild anything from a toaster to an engine. He loved to fish and go to the Noble County Saddle Club to watch his granddaughter in horse shows.

He had an unintentional lawn tractor collection, loved to go to auctions and go to tractor shows with his son. In his younger years, he loved to cut wood, and garden. He was a member of the Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Diana Lynn and Leslie Coe of Albion; a son, Darl Lee Hawk of Albion; four grandchildren, Tony Hawk, Brian Hawk, Kerry Hawk, and Ashlee Hawk; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Also surviving are his sisters, Helen Bailey of Parlan, Texas, Elouise McCain of Bakersfield, California, and Marilyn Jean Meyers of Churubusco.

He was preceded in death by his parents, wife, a brother, Robert Hawk, and sisters, Ruth Ardhuermily, and Lenora Gross.

Funeral services for Mr. Hawk will be Thursday, January 6, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church in Albion. Rev. Bret Frymier will officiate.

Visitation will be from 4 to 8 on Wednesday evening at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Visitation is also one hour prior to the funeral on Thursday at the church.

Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery in Albion. Albion American Legion Post 246 will conduct military graveside rites.

Memorials may be made to the Disabled Veterans Association.

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Dan Routsong

Mr. Routsong

LIGONIER — Dan C. Routsong, age 69, of McAllen, Texas, and formerly of Albion, Ind., passed away on January 2, 2011.

He was born on September 4, 1941, in Sturgis, Mich., to George W. and Eunice (Garlets) Routsong. On December 24, 1976, he married G. Joan Cox.

Mr. Routsong graduated from Cromwell High School in 1960. He then went on to honorably serve his country in the United States Army from 1962-66. He was a Vietnam War veteran. After returning from the service, he went to work for B & O Railroad which eventually became CSX Railway. He was with the company for over 39 years as a brakeman and conductor based out of Garrett, Ind.

He was a member of the Elks and the American Legion in Ligonier.

He also enjoyed Fort Wayne Komets hockey, race cars, going to auctions and was a faithful member of the Dari Point Social Club. Above all, he enjoyed spending time with his family whom he loved dearly.

Surviving are his wife, Joan Routsong of McAllen, Texas; three children, Mike (Millisa) Burdette of Ligonier, Robin (Matt) Moser of Wawaka and Brent Holloway of McAllen, Texas; 12 grandchildren, Michael, Daniel, Mitchell and Marcus Burdette, Brittany, Brooke and Grant Moser, Audri and Austin Moore, and Abby, Mandy and Ashlynn Erwin; two special nieces, Penny (Clay) Moore of Albion and Jenifer Rodriguez Erwin of Syracuse; and four sisters, Mary (Ron) Anthony of Woodburn, Carol Jean (Pablo) Arellano of Florida, Julia Routsong of Wawaka and Gale (Paul) Riley of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother-in-law, Paul Riley.

A funeral service will be held in Mr. Routsong's honor on Saturday, January 8, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with celebrant Larry Baker officiating.

Burial will take place at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, Ind. Pallbearers will be Joe Zborowski, Michael Burdette, Mitchell Burdette, Matt Moser, Pablo Arellano and Mario Gutierrez.

There will be a time of visitation on Friday, January 8, 2011, from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to the funeral service on Saturday.

Memorial contributions are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46825 or the American Diabetes Association, 6415 Castleway Drive, Suite 114, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

N. Irene Koch

ANGOLA — N. Irene Koch, 91, of Angola died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Koch had been a member of the kitchen staff at Potawatomi Inn at Pokagon State Park in Angola for 20 years, retiring in 1966.

She was a member of Pleasant View Church of Christ and its Friendly Circle.

Mrs. Koch was also a member of the Jackson Township Extension Club and had served as its president, vice president, secretary and treasurer, and a member of FOCUS. She was a member of the Sugar N Spice Home Extension Club and past president of the Silver Lake Ladies Aid.

She was born July 24, 1919, in Hamilton to Floyd and Mary (Vestal) Oberlin. She married Harold Koch on Dec. 15, 1937. He died Aug. 3, 1988.

Surviving are a son, James (Sheila) Koch of Pleasant Lake; a daughter, Marilyn Buckmaster of Auburn; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; six stepgreat-grandchildren; and two stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; and four sisters, Velma Emenhiser, Maxine Reed, Grace Ellen Oberlin and Donna June Oberlin.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Alan LaRue officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Pleasant View Church of Christ and the DeKalb Hospice.

Sign a guestbook at www.weichtfh.com.

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Jack Bayles

BRONSON, Mich. — Jack W. Bayles of Bronson and formerly of Fort Wayne, Ind., died January 4, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bayles had retired after 30 years of service at International Harvester in Fort Wayne. He had also been a lifetime farmer.

He was a graduate of Willshire High School, Willshire, Ohio. After graduation, he moved to Fort Wayne, Ind., and later moved to rural Bronson, Mich. He had been living in Woodburn, Ind., the last two years with his daughter, Tammy Bayles.

He attended Lake Gage Congregational Church, Steuben County, Ind., and also attended the Woodburn Missionary Church, Woodburn, Ind.

Mr. Bayles enjoyed providing transportation to the Amish community, and he enjoyed bowling, bird watching, racing cars, riding motorcycles, traveling, and he loved his cat "Tippy."

He was born June 27, 1934, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Francis and Lucille (Stover) Bayles. They preceded him in death.

He married Virginia L. Crawford in 1966 in Rockford, Ohio. She died on March 13, 1991.

Surviving are two daughters, Jackie and Kurt Fritz of Fort Wayne and Tammy Bayles of Woodburn; a son, David and Veronica Bayles of Warsaw, Ind.; nine grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; three sisters, Betty Miller of Willhshire, Ohio, Sandra and George Anderson of Willshire, and Patricia and Lester Wisener of Van Wert, Ohio; and a brother, Gary Bayles of Rockford, Ohio.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Nada Hoersten.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday, January 8, 2011, at the Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind.

Burial will be in Flint Cemetery near Angola, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, January 8, 2011, at the funeral home with the Rev. Stephen Altman officiating.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Condolences may be sent on to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Mary Pund

CHURUBUSCO — Mary Ann Pund, 85, formerly of Churubusco died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2011, at the St. Anne Home in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco/

Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today and one hour prior to the service Saturday. There will be no visitation on Friday.

Memorials are to the St. Anne Home, 1900 Randallia Drive., Fort Wayne, IN 46805

Irene Myers

KENDALLVILLE — Irene B. Myers, 88, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Jan. 8, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville. Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Iris Moore

EDON, Ohio — Iris A. Moore, 81, of Edon, Ohio, and formerly of Stueben County, died Tuesday, Jan. 4 at 4:11 p.m. at Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in Montpelier, Ohio.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8 in the Edon Cemetery with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating.

Memorials are requested to a senior center of the donor's choice. Krill Funeral Service in Edon is handling arrangements.

Pat Peters

CHURUBUSCO — Pat Peters, 71, of Churubusco, and formerly of Noble County, died Tuesday, Jan. 4 at 7:10 p.m. at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 8, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastors Larry Schmoekel and George Cecil, officiating. Interment will be in the Greenhill Cemetery in Columbia City. Calling is Friday from 2-8 p.m. at the funeral home and one hour prior to services at the church.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

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Donna Davis

AUBURN — Donna Mae (Washler) Davis, 85, of Auburn went to be with the Lord on Tuesday, January 4, 2011, in Betz Nursing Home, under Hospice Care.

Mrs. Davis

She was born at home on October 27, 1924, in Spencerville, Indiana, to Louis and Hazel (Cover) Washler and was the youngest of two siblings. She was a lifelong resident of DeKalb County, growing up on her parents' farm near the Spencerville Bridge.

She graduated from Spencerville High School in 1942 where she enjoyed being a cheerleader, singing in the chorus, performing in plays and working on the yearbook staff. Also, she was considered an expert roller skater by her peers.

She was married to Chester Davis at Coburn Corners Church of Christ in St. Joe, Indiana, on October 5, 1947, and was happily married for the past 63 years.

Donna Mae was a faithful employee at the DeKalb County Courthouse for 25 years as an assistant in the Clerk's Office for Norm Gerig, and later as secretary for Judge Harold Stump and Judge Paul Cherry.

She enjoyed the teaching Sunday School, Children's Church and helping with Vacation Bible School for more than 40 years at Coburn Corners Church of Christ, where she had been a member for more than 70 years. She attended Auburn Church of Christ for two years.

Donna Mae was a member and officer of the Jacksonette Home Extension Club for 50 years and looked forward to attending their monthly meetings. She was also a member of the DeKalb County Farm Bureau for several years.

She enjoyed gardening, sewing, crocheting, cooking and reading, as well as spending time with family and friends playing dominoes or just visiting. She often sat with friends at the hospital while their family members were ill. She enjoyed delivering home-cooked meals to sick friends. Donna Mae was known for her candy-making at Christmas — toffee, peanut brittle, buckeyes, but especially her caramels. She made hundreds of caramels, which she enjoyed sharing with many businesses around town, as well her family and friends.

She is survived by her husband, Chester Davis of Auburn, Indiana; her son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Patti Davis of Auburn, Indiana; her daughter-in-law, Dr. Colleen Davis, M.D. of Fairport, New York; her eight grandchildren, Brian Davis of Kentland, Indiana, Jennifer (Davis) Rothenberger of Ellicott City, Maryland, Abigail Davis of Novi, Michigan, Emelie (Davis) Barta of Brownsburg, Indiana, John Davis of Auburn, Indiana, and Kelly, Caitlin and Erin Davis of Fairport, New York; her six great-grandchildren, Julia (daughter of Brian), Reese (daughter of Jennifer), Mallory (daughter of Abigail) and Tristan, Caleb and Harper (sons of Emelie). She is also survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Charles and MaryAnn Washler of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

She was predeceased by her son, Ronald Davis of Fairport, New York.

Visitation will be Saturday, January 8, from 12 p.m.-2 p.m., followed by the funeral at 2 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn, Indiana. Pastor Doug Holley will be officiating. He was a family friend and former pastor for Donna Mae at the Coburn Corners Church of Christ.

The graveside service will be at Alton Cemetery in St Joe, Indiana.

Memorials may be given to DeKalb County Hospice, who the family thanks for keeping her comfortable during her final days on this earth.

Donna Mae Davis would want to be remembered as a joyful, giving and devout Christian. She looked forward to meeting her Savior in Heaven.

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Pat Peters

CHURUBUSCO — Pat Peters, 71, a resident of Churubusco and wife of Mahlon E. Peters, passed away at 7:10 p.m. on Tuesday, January 4, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health since November.

Mrs. Peters

Mrs. Peters was born on February 13, 1939, in Swan Township in Noble County, a daughter of Ralph B. and Fae E. (Butler) Carter Sr., and graduated from Woodburn High School in 1957.

On November 12, 1960, she was married in Columbia City to Mahlon E. Peters, and lived there until moving to her present home in Churubusco in 1968.

Employed as a nurses aide, she had worked in the obstetrics department at Whitley County Hospital in Columbia City for 30 years until 1985. During the formative years of her children, she was a volunteer for both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and also for 4-H.

She had a special talent for sewing, enjoyed crafts and camping, and most especially loved and cherished her family.

The surviving relatives include her husband Mahlon; five children, Dan (Lisa) Peters of Churubusco, Doug (Cindy) Peters of Albion, David (Jenny) Peters of Churubusco, Tina (Vaughn) Fulk of Columbia City, and Bethann (James) Richard of Crowley, Texas; her mother, Fae Carter of Columbia City; a sister, Stella Egolf of Columbia City; two brothers, Larry P. (Dolly) Carter of Roanoke and Ralph (Marsha) Carter of Columbia City; a sister-in-law, Barbara Carter of Roanoke; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by two sons, Dennis Peters in 1964 and Darren Peters in 1991; a brother, James Carter; a sister, Cathy Perry; and a brother-in-law, Dick Egolf.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 8, 2011, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastors Larry Schmoekel and George Cecil, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home today, Friday, January 7, from 2 to 8 p. m., or one hour prior to the service Saturday morning.

Interment will be in the Greenhill Cemetery, Columbia City.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to a charity of the donor's choice, or by simply doing an act of kindness for someone in need.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Peters' memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Carlos DeLaCruz Jr.

LARWILL — Carlos DeLaCruz Jr., 61, of Larwill died Tuesday, Jan. 5, 2011, at his residence.

Mr. DeLaCruz

He was formerly employed by Lyall Electric in Kendallville.

He was born Oct. 4, 1949, in Texas City, Texas, to Carlos and Elvira (Ramos) DeLaCruz.

Surviving are his mother, Elvira DeLaCruz of Larwill; four sisters, Virginia (Tom) Halsey of Columbia City, Mary (Richard) Gaerte of Pierceton, Eloise DeLaCruz of Larwill and Esther Black of Cromwell; a brother, Fred (Juli) DeLaCruz of Butler; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded by his father, Carlos DeLaCruz Sr; a sister, Lily DeLaCruz; a brother; Gene DeLaCruz; and a nephew and niece.

Calling will be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Eastlund Funeral Home in Syracuse.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will follow at the Salem Cemetery at Wilmot, Ind.

Online condolences may be sent to eastlundfuneralhome.com.

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J. Wayne Beuret

AUBURN — J. Wayne Beuret, 95, lifelong Auburn resident, died January 5, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Beuret

He was born February 18, 1915, in Auburn, the second child and only son of the late Louis J. and Eda F. (Raub) Beuret.

He graduated from Auburn High School in 1932 and worked for several years at his father's grocery store and gasoline station on West Seventh Street. In 1937, he began working as a letter carrier for the U.S. Post Office in Auburn, and retired from the Postal Service in 1975 as assistant postmaster.

He married Patricia L. Benton on October 30, 1940. She preceded him in death in 2006.

His parents; a daughter, Mary Louise Beuret; and his sister, LuEda Beuret Pontius; preceded him in death.

Mr. Beuret was engaged throughout his adult life in parish activities at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn. He was a founding member of its Knights of Columbus chapter, and was the last survivor of the building committee that planned the parish's present facility, dedicated in 1958. He also served for many years on the parish's cemetery committee.

In his retirement years he enjoyed oil painting, traveling, and reading.

He is survived by two sons, Dr. Lawrence J. Beuret of Rolling Meadows, Ill., and Kevin Beuret of Howe; two daughters, Kathy (Rudolph G.) Paquette of Elkhart, and Mary Ann (Stephen) Liechty of LaGrange; two grandsons, Jonathan (Mitra) Soss of Vista, Calif., and Alec Liechty of Portland, Ore.; and a granddaughter, Meredith Liechty, currently serving with the U.S. Navy in Monterey, Calif.

Other survivors include three nephews and five nieces.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday, with visitation one hour prior, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Derrick Sneyd officiating.

Visitation is also Sunday from 1-5 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to Masses, the Food for the Poor, Inc., 6401 Lyons Road, Coconut Creek, FL 33073, or the Crazy Horse Memorial, 12151 Avenue of the Chiefs, Crazy Horse, SD 57730.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Edna Tuttle

WOLCOTTVILLE — Edna Mae Tuttle, 75, of Wolcottville, died Thursday, Jan. 6. 2011, at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Nadine and Billy Ray Powers, near Mongo where she was being cared for since September 2009.

Visitation will be Saturday and Sunday at the Charity United Baptist Church at the five corners near Stroh. Family and friends may call there Saturday after 3 p.m. and there will be evening church services at 6 on both nights of calling.

Funeral services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at the church with the Rev. Willie Collins, the Rev. Travis Moore and Pastor Zack Brown officiating.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is handling the arrangements.

Send the family your condolence online at www.hitefuneralhome.com

A complete obituary will appear in Saturday's edition of the News Sun.

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Irene Myers

KENDALLVILLE — Irene Bernice Myers, age 88, of Kendallville died on Wednesday, January 5, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Myers

Mrs. Myers was born in LaCrosse, Wisconsin, on June 16, 1922, to the late William and Bertha (Linstad) Peterson.

She married Merle Myers on January 7, 1946, in LaCrosse. Merle preceded her death December 24, 2006.

Irene was the bookkeeper at Uhl Oil in Kendallville for 23 years before she retired in 1991.

She was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church in Kendallville where she served as treasurer of the Guardian Angels Women's group, taught adult Sunday school class for 20 years, helped make quilts for Lutheran World Relief, and made paraments, banners and stoles for the church sanctuary.

Irene was a member of the Noble Nimble Thimble Quilt Club in Albion, the Cotton Blossom Quilt Club of Rome City, the Material Girls Quilt Club and The Do Nothing Club.

She loved to tend to her flower gardens when she lived on the farm west of Kendallville.

Irene loved reading and actually documented and journaled over 2,000 library books that she had read throughout the years.

She also enjoyed needle work and quilting.

Survivors include two sons, David and Winnie Myers of Tewksbury, Massechesetts, and Nicholas Myers of Kendallville; a daughter, Elaine Moore of Marion, Indiana; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister, Dorothy Bahan of West Salem, Wisconsin; and a brother, John Peterson of Apple Valley, Minnesota.

She was also preceded in death by her foster parents who raised her, John and Pauline Bjorge; two brothers, Archie and Robert Peterson; a sister, Elsie Ambrose; and two foster sisters, Hazel Kuntson and Edna Bigley.

Visitation will be Friday, January 7, 2011,from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 8, 2011, at noon at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church rural Kendallville.

There will be an hour of calling before the service starts.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Phyllis Smoot.

Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Preferred memorials may be made to Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Irene at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Byrnece Muhling

GOSHEN — Byrnece A. Muhling, 86, of Goshen died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011, at Courtyard Health Care of Goshen.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Sunday and from 9-10 a.m. Monday at Pleasant Grove Conservative Mennonite Church, 13483 C.R. 38, Millersburg.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the church. Burial will be in Pleasant Grove Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorials are to Pleasant Grove Mission Fund which will be directed to an orphanage.

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Gregory Bell

HUNTINGTON — Gregory Wayne Bell, 45, of Huntington died Jan. 3, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Bell

He was born Jan. 23, 1965, in Garrett to Claude Bell and Carolyn Irish.

Surviving are his partner, Tresa Sattherwait of Huntington; seven children, Gregory Bell of Corbin, Ky., Brandi Bell of Waterloo, Chad Bell of Fort Wayne, Amber Bell of Auburn, and Faith, Levi and Megan Bell of Andrews; five grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Patrick and Jennifer Bell of Fort Wayne; sisters and brothers-in-law, Tammy and Randy Sonner of Butler and Angie and Gary Gower of Butler; two half brothers, Mike Bell of Auburn and Nate Wilondek and his wife, Bernadette, of Butler; a half sister, Wendy Bell of Auburn; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother and an infant son, Mark.

Calling will be Saturday at 11 a.m. at Free Bible Tabernacle Church, 206 W. Washington St., Butler, with services immediately following.

Memorial contributions are to the family to help defray funeral expenses.

Iris Moore

EDON, Ohio — Iris A. Moore, age 81, of Edon, Ohio, died on Tuesday, January 4, 2011, at 4:11 p.m., shortly after admittance to Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers in Montpelier, Ohio.

Mrs. Moore was a 1947 graduate of Metz High School and attended Wayne University College of Cosmetology.

She was employed by Lincoln National Life in Fort Wayne, Ind., and retired in 1984.

Mrs. Moore had a passion for playing the piano and played up until the day she died.

Iris A. Moore was born on February 8, 1929, in Steuben County, Ind., the daughter of Loren and Carrie (Willoughby) Fisher. She married Raymond E. Moore on August 17, 1984, in Steuben County and he survives.

Surviving in addition to her husband are her children, Patricia Kay Bell of Edgerton, Ohio, Rita A. Mayo of Hopewell, Virginia, Ruth C. Hart of Montpelier, Carleen D. (Kevin D. Schwanderer) Mocherman of Edon, Reid B. (Susie) Mocherman of Slidell, Louisiana, and Cheryl Kay (Harry Hicks) Nofziger, LuAnn (Joe) Jerger, and Wanda Lee (Jerry) Hug, all of Bryan, Ohio, and Philip Ray (Debra) Moore of Edon. Also surviving are 25 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two grandchildren; two brothers, Alvin and Orliss Fisher; and an infant sister.

Grave side services for Iris A. Moore will be held on Saturday, January 8, 2011, at 11 a.m. in the Edon Cemetery with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating.

Memorials are requested to a senior center of the donor's choice.

Krill Funeral Service in Edon is handling arrangements.

To sign the online register or send condolences, visit www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Donna Noble

KIMMELL — Donna Noble of Kimmell died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011, at the University of Chicago Medical Center in Chicago.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Melvin Williams

SYRACUSE — Melvin D. "Melvie & Nice Day" Williams, 78, of Kendallville and formerly of Syracuse died Wednesday, January 5, 2011, at his home.

Visitation will be from 1-3 p.m. on Saturday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home. Burial will follow in the Syracuse Cemetery.

Memorials are to Foundations, 506 S. Orange St., Albion, IN 46701.

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Edna Tuttle

WOLCOTTVILLE — Edna Mae Tuttle, 75, of Wolcottville died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011, at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Nadine and Billy Ray Powers, near Mongo.

Miss Tuttle

Miss Tuttle was employed at Sturgis Molding for 25 years before retiring in 1989.

She was a member of the Charity United Baptist Church near Stroh.

Mrs. Tuttle was born in Rock Fork Hollar, near Garrett, Ky., on Sept, 13, 1935, to Jay and Delzy (Chaffins) Tuttle.

Survivors are a son, James Anthony and Sadona Tuttle of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Rev. Bill and Betty Tuttle of Hudson, Harvey and Ruthie Tuttle of LaGrange and Rodney and Helen Tuttle of Rock Fork, Ky.; and four sisters, Nadine and Billy Ray Powers of Howe, Ruby Jean and Klinon Newsome of Grethel, Ky., Barbara Ann and Oscar Slone of Rome City and Cindy and Gary McNickle of Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by her sister, Irene Moore, and two brothers, Isom Tuttle and Rev. Marvin Douglas Tuttle.

Visitation will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Sunday at the Charity United Baptist Church at the five corners near Stroh. Evening church services will be at 6 p.m. today and Sunday.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the church with the Rev. Willie Collins, the Rev. Travis Moore, the Rev. Zack Brown and the Rev. Terry Tuttle assisting.

Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County. Casketbearers will be Ben Brown, Robert Page, Devin Mahler, Phillip Tuttle, Ronnie Tuttle, Bruce Tuttle, Chad Tuttle, Mike Tuttle and Ryan Hicks.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

John Reinoehl

ANGOLA — John H. Reinoehl, 87, of Angola and formerly of Ashley died Friday, Jan. 7, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home in Angola.

Mr. Reinoehl

Mr. Reinoehl was a lifetime resident of Smithfield Township, DeKalb County. He was a farmer and had been an inspector for more than 24 1/2 years at International Harvester in Fort Wayne before retiring on July 1, 1983.

He was a member of the Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren in Ashley.

Mr. Reinoehl was a HAMM radio operator.

He was born Aug. 1, 1923, in Fairfield Township, DeKalb County, to John H. and Effie T. (Hamman) Reinoehl. He married Marjorie Hartman on Oct. 23, 1942, in Noble County. She died Dec. 24, 2007.

Surviving are six sons and two daughters, John Reinoehl of Waterloo, James Reinoehl of Townsend, Tenn., Phillip Reinoehl of Mishawaka, Mark Reinoehl of Waterloo, Joel Reinoehl of White Pigeon, Mich., Chris Reinoehl of Mishawaka, Carol Smith of Angola and Brenda Dudley of Phoenix, Ariz.; 19 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a son, David Reinoehl; four brothers, Willis Reinoehl, Henry Reinoehl, Harold Reinoehl and Paul "Sam" Reinoehl; and two sisters, Olga Taylor and Lydia "Ruth" Parr.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Pleasant Chapel Church of the Brethren at Ashley with Pastor Valerie Kline officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo.

Memorials are to the church.

To view the obituary online or send a condolence, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Kenneth Northup

LAGRANGE — Kenneth C. Northup, 78, of rural LaGrange died unexpectedly Friday, Jan. 7 2011, at his residence.

Mr. Northup was a lifetime LaGrange County resident. He was a farmer.

He was born on March 2, 1932, in LaGrange County to Clyde and Bernice (Randol) Northup. He married Donna B. Dunafin on June 23, 1950, in Ashley. She survives in rural LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Cathy and Gaylord Byler of rural LaGrange; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Denny and Carol Northup of rural LaGrange and Terry Northup and his friend, Nancy, both of rural LaGrange; five grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two sisters, Kathryn Wilder and Linda Howdyshell both of Hudson; and a brother, Floyd Northup of Pleasant Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents;two sisters, Wilma Wilder and Mildred Myers; and three brothers, Harold, Garold, and Roger Northup.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Frurip-May Funeral Home with the Rev. Mervin Miller officiating. Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery in rural LaGrange.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Donald Gienger

AVILLA — Donald L. Gienger, 77, of Avilla died Friday, Jan. 7, 2011, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Complete obituary information will appear in Sunday's edition.

Lucy Surber

FORT WAYNE — Lucy (Bjorab) Surber, 89, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011, at Life Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in Trinity United Methodist Church, 609 Putnam St. Interment will be in the Eel River Cemetery, Allen County.

Visitation will be at 2-8 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to the service Monday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church, 609 Putnam St., Fort Wayne, IN 46808

To leave an online condolence log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

James Holmes

WATERLOO — James A. Holmes died Friday.

Arrangements are pending at H. H. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler.

Donna Noble

KIMMELL — Donna Jean Noble, 42, of Kimmell died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011, at The University of Chicago Hospital.

Services will be Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, Ind., with calling there from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday.

Memorials are to The Logan James Pridemore-Slone Trust Fund, Lake City Bank, 1470 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

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A loving, giving peacemaker

Pleasant Lake's Frye remembered fondly by family, friends

BY JENNIFER DECKER
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PLEASANT LAKE — Opal Frye often reminded her daughter, Carole, over the years: "The older you get — the smarter I get."

Carole said her mother was right, seeing as they were close and learned from each other.

Opal Frye, 81, of Pleasant Lake and formerly of Albion, died Nov. 25.

Opal was best known for being a loving mother, wife and grandmother, keeping busy, volunteering and being a peacemaker.

"I am the youngest and only girl. She was my best friend," Carole said, choking up. "She was most loving and giving."

Opal was born Oct. 6, 1929, in Shawnee, Kan., to William E. Rea and Hazel F. (Schutt) Rea.

Opal had a very active role in the Pleasant Lake United Methodist Food Bank and other church ministries. She counted Sunday attendance, saved containers for childcare and repaired what needed fixing at church with her husband, Jerome. Carole said her mother could be found helping at the church's food pantry every Thursday.

"She talked about how many people needed help," Carole said. "The last two years, she and my dad would take a shift at the live nativity at church. I remember taking my son and he'd say, 'That's Grandma.'"

"She helped with Lions Club dinners, and she helped make cheese balls as a fundraiser," Carole said. "She cooked and taught me how to make a lot of things: homemade pies — mincemeat and rhubarb — homemade bread and cinnamon rolls. When I was little, I remember her making pies for (a restaurant). She had things down to a science — she'd just whip them out in the morning."

Despite raising four boys and a girl, Opal looked after five or six other children with no problem, Carole recalled.

"One time she dressed up as a witch and went trick or treating to check up on my brothers," Carole laughed.

In addition to helping others, Opal enjoyed watching deer in her backyard and hummingbirds. She crocheted blankets for her family and liked reading — mostly romance stories. Carole said her mother was frugal, going to great lengths to scour advertisements prior to shopping trips, looking for the best deal on whatever they needed.

Carole said when her mother was a child, she lived in a boxcar with her family, so her father could do railroad repairs.

"We moved here when my son, Ty, was 3. He had a lot of health problems … (my parents) helped with Ty," Carole said. "Mom was really close to him. She'd give him anything he wanted — that's Grandma. She taught him to play five-card draw in poker. She said it was a life skill."

Opal's lifelong friend, Carol McMurray of Bonita Springs, Fla., said she kept in touch by letter over the years with her childhood chum. "

She was a wonderful wife, mother and friend, and we always wrote back and forth until her death," McMurray said by e-mail. "She always had time to help with anyone's problems. We took our kids swimming when we only had peanut butter sandwiches and Kool-Aid to drink. We played in the school band together, and she was just a great friend I will always miss."

Opal is survived by her husband of 63 years, Jerome Price Frye; three children, Jerome E. "Jef" Frye, Kenneth D. Frye and Carole A. Frye, all of Pleasant Lake; a brother, Bill (Diane) Rea of Columbia City; six grandchildren, Jeridan Frye, Jeff Frye, Holly Carter, Ty Frye, Braeden Wallen-Frye, and Jacob Phillips; and six great-grandchildren, Arianna Frye, Aliyah Frye, Logan Paris, Mariah Paris, Kaitlyn Phillips and Kamdyn Phillips. She was preceded in death by two sons, Larry R. Frye and Michael A. Frye, in 1997; and three brothers, Melvin Rea, William Rea and Charles Rea.

Burial was in Pleasant Lake Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Pleasant Lake United Methodist Church.

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15-year-old Ligonier boy dies after battle with cancer

BY BOB BUTTGEN
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LIGONIER — Devan White, who showed tremendous courage shown during his year-long battle with brain cancer, passed away Friday night, surrounded by his family at his Ligonier home.

White

Devan had been a student at West Noble High School when he was first diagnosed with a tumor in his brain.

Last winter, he spent a week at the Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus where they diagnosed him with a PNET (Primitive Neuroectodermal Tumor). Doctors were able to remove the tumor but Devan had to undergo extensive chemo and radiation treatments.

The tumors reappeared late last year.

He stayed in school as long as he could and was then home-schooled. He managed to return to West Noble High School for an art class last year.

His battle with the tumors evoked much emotion and inspiration among the people he touched in his short life, especially his classmates.

On Dec. 18, Devan was visited at his family's home in Ligonier by a group from the Make-A-Wish Foundation who brought him a custom-made storm trooper's costume from the "Star Wars" movies.

Funeral informaton for Devan White can be found on Page A4.

Devan White

LIGONIER — Devan Christopher White, 15, of Ligonier, Ind., and formerly of New Carlisle, Ind., went to be with the Lord on Friday, January 7, 2011 at 11:10 p.m. following a courageous battle with cancer. He was born May 11, 1995 in Goshen Hospital to Michael White and Robynne Wagner.

Devan White

Devan attended New Prairie Schools in New Carlisle as well as West Noble in Ligonier. He was a member of Trinity Assembly of God in Ligonier.

Devan was a natural athlete and sportsman. He enjoyed playing football, wrestling, soccer, baseball, skateboarding, hunting and fishing. He was also an avid fan of Notre Dame, the Colts and the Kentucky Wildcats.

Devan is survived by: his parents, Robynne Wagner of Niles, Mich., and Michael and Margarita White of Ligonier; five siblings, Cory Wagner of Leesburg, Ind., Nicolas Johnson of Niles, Mich., Raquel, Connor and Jacqueline "Jackie" White, all of Ligonier; grandparents, George and Katherine Wright of Mishawaka, Ind.; David and Margarita Pena of Ligonier; James Wagner Jr. of Niles, Mich., and Ken and Alice Jennings of Ligonier.

He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Jennings White Sr., and great grandparents, Herbert and Isabell LeCount.

A funeral service in Devan's honor will be held Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Trinity Assembly of God, 1288 West Union St., Ligonier, IN 46767, with Pastor Cory Kirkhan officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Friends may call Tuesday, January 11, 2011 from noon to 8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Devan White Scholarship Fund c/o Noble County Community Foundation, 1599 Lincolnway South, Ligonier IN 46767 or the Devan White Scholarship Fund c/o Huntington Bank, 929 South 11th St., Niles, MI 49210.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Marilyn Armstrong

AVILLA — Marilyn Sue Armstrong, 61, lost her courageous battle with cancer on Friday, January 7, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. at her home in Avilla with her loving family by her side.

Mrs. Armstrong had been in failing health for the past three months. She had previously battled cancer in 2007 and won.

She was born on January 21, 1949 in Tell City, Ind., to Arnold Edward Jarboe and Daulee (Richey) Jarboe.

Mrs. Armstrong

She graduated from South Side High School in Fort Wayne in 1967, and then earned a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Indiana University.

On November 22, 1969 she married Robert Lee Armstrong in Fort Wayne. They resided in St. Joe, Ind. for 27 years before moving to Avilla where they spent the last 10 years. In 2004 she retired as the sales supervisor from Nucor Fastener, St. Joe Division.

She was a very active member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla where she was the president of the United Methodist Women's Group. She cherished spending time with her beloved grandchildren. She was an avid gardener, and she enjoyed cooking, sewing, knitting, embroidery, reading and traveling.

Surviving are: her husband, Robert Lee Armstrong, of Avilla; two daughters and their husbands, Sara and Scott Vitz of Grabill, Ind., and Susan and Curtis Lohr of Avilla; six grandchildren, Austin and Logan Wood, Katelyn and Drew Meyer, and Aiden and Gaven Vitz; her father, Arnold Edward Jarboe of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Carole (June) Cullen of Crossville, Tenn., and Kris Green of Fort Wayne; three brothers, Edward Jarboe of Lebanon, Ind., John Jarboe of Norman, Okla., and Jack Jarboe of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Daulee (Richey) Jarboe in 2009.

Funeral services for Mrs. Armstrong will be Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 1 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, with Rev. Leonard King officiating. Burial will follow at the Avilla Cemetery with a memorial luncheon immediately afterwards at the church.

Visitation will be Tuesday, January 11, 2011 from 2 to 8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, and one hour prior to the funeral services at the church on Wednesday.

Memorials may be made to the Calvary United Methodist Women's Group, Eve's Circle.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, (brazzellfuneralhome.com) is in charge of arrangements.

Donna Noble

KIMMELL — Donna Jean Noble, 42, of Kimmell died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011, at 3:35 p.m. at The University of Chicago Hospital. She passed away following a long battle with leukemia.

She was born Nov. 21, 1968, in Chicago, Ill., to Randall and Gladys Ann (Owens) Noble. She moved to the Kimmell area several years ago, coming from Knott County, Ky. Donna graduated from Cordia High School in Knott County. She had worked for Smokercraft in New Paris for more than 10 years and had also worked part-time for several years at Owens grocery store in Ligonier.

Surviving are her spouse of more than 27 years, Fleetus Pridemore Jr. of Kimmell; one daughter, Bessie Ann (Ron Slone) Pridemore of Kimmell; one grandson, Logan James Pridemore-Slone, at home; her mother, Gladys Ann Noble of Lakevilla, Ill.; her father, Randall Noble of Knott County; four siblings, Darlene (Richard) Kusek of Lakevilla, Diane (Margie) Noble of Wonderlake, Ill., Doris (Sammy) Amburgey of Knott County, and Randall (Elizabeth) Noble of Chicago; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor Glen Patrick officiating. Visitation will be Jan. 15 from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to The Logan James Pridemore-Slone Trust Fund, Lake City Bank, 1470 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

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Donald Gienger

AVILLA — Donald Lee Gienger, 77, of Avilla, died Friday, Jan. 7, 2011 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

He was employed with International Harvester/Navistar in Fort Wayne for 20 years before he retired in 1983.

Mr. Gienger graduated from Avilla High School in 1951, and served in the U.S. Army in Germany from 1953 to 1955 during the Korean War. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal.

Mr. Gienger

He was a longtime member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church and a 48-year member of the American Legion Post 240 in Avilla. He enjoyed fishing trips to Rice Lake in Canada, hunting and gardening.

On March 9, 1933 in Garrett, he was born to Harold Michael and Esther Matilda (Keck) Gienger. He married Donna Lou Kinerk on Oct. 17, 1958 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

Surviving, in addition to his wife of 52 years, are: three sons, Timothy and Radena Gienger, Kendallville, James Gienger, Avilla, and Eric and Cari Gienger, Kendallville; a daughter, Pamela and Andy Haddock, Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; three brothers, Robert and Sue Gienger, Avilla, Russell Gienger, Avilla, and Carl Gienger, Albion; and three sisters, Mary Louise and Frank McWilliams, Fort Wayne, Marjorie Ann and Everett Dobbins, New Carlisle, Ind., and Patty Jo and Richard Buckles, Avilla.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Harold Gienger, and sister, Marilyn Brunkhart.

Private funeral services will be Monday, Jan. 10, 2011, at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, with Pastor Thomas Dunbar officiating. Military honors will be conducted at the funeral home by members of the Avilla American Legion Post 240 honor guard team.

No calling is scheduled.

Memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla and directed to the church.

Condolences to the family may be sent online at hitefuneralhome.com.

James Holmes

WATERLOO — James A. Holmes, 74, died Friday, Jan. 7, 2011 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born on May 4, 1936 in Morgantown, West Virginia, to Carl and Opal (McBee) Holmes.

He served in the U.S. Army Reserve and was a member of the Butler American Legion. He was a retired custodian with East Allen County Schools.

James enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, friends and camping.

He married Elizabeth Betty Joyce on February 28, 1959 in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. She survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are: a daughter, Karen (Mark) Ensch of Auburn; two brothers, Carl Holmes and Jack Holmes of Washington, Pennsylvania; two sisters, Irma Gray and Barbara Cage of Washington, Pennsylvania; two grandchildren, James Wolfe of Butler, and Jenna Ensch of Auburn; and a great granddaughter, Dayzee Reid-Wolfe of Butler.

He was preceded in death by his parents, a daughter, Kathy Holmes, two brothers, Walter and Thomas Holmes, a sister, Evelyn Morris, and his beloved dog Rusty.

Funeral services for James Holmes will be Monday at 2 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating. Military honors will be provided by the Butler American Legion Post 202.

Calling will be Monday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family or donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to hejohnsonfh.com.

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Robert Funk

ANGOLA — Robert L. Funk, 74, of Angola, died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2011 at his home with his family after a prolonged illness.

Mr. Funk

He was born Oct. 25, 1936 in Racine, Wisconsin to Joseph and Esther Funk, and he served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean conflict.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Barbara, Maxine and Shirley, a son, Joseph Nicolas Funk, and a granddaughter, Christy Edens.

Surviving are: his wife of 34 years, Teresa Litchfield Funk; brothers, Bruce Funk and Donald Funk; four children, Timothy Funk (and Pam) of Pandora, Ohio, James Bush (and Cloud), Michael Davisworth (and Fawn), and Sabrina Davisworth (and Robert Smith) all of Angola; as well as, Henry Shiley, Whitney Shultz, Tracie Smith and Paul Tatro, all of Steuben County; his "stray" kids; and his close friend Thomas Andrews.

Also surviving are 19 grandchildren, including Andrew Hart, who was a huge blessing for both his grandparents through Bob's illness, and six great grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at First Congregational Church of Angola at 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011. Any donations, in lieu of flowers, can be made at the services or at the family residence.

To send condolences or to view the obituary online go to hejohnsonfh.com.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola is handling the arrangements.

Willem Schummer

ANGOLA — A memorial service for Willem "Pooh" Jan Schummer II, 20, of Angola, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 11, at the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

Mr. Schummer died Friday, Dec. 17, 2010.

Donations to the family for medical expenses will be appreciated. Send donations to Betty Schummer, 234 Cornet St., Angola, IN 46703.

Birtie Whitt

KENDALLVILLE — Birtie Whitt, 77, died Friday at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Craig Prill

LAGRANGE — Craig M. Prill, 45, of LaGrange, died at 10:10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Greg Guthrie

AVILLA — Greg Wayne Guthrie Jr., 30 died unexpectedly Friday, Jan. 7, 2011 at his home in Avilla.

Funeral Services will be Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral, Avilla Chapel, with burial at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Calling will be Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011, from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may go to Greg Guthrie's Children Education Fund.

Mildred Mishler

SHIPSHEWANA — Mildred M. Mishler, 89, of Shipshewana died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011 at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Evelyn Rowe

STURGIS, Mich. — Evelyn M. Rowe, 93, of Sturgis, Mich. died early Saturday morning, Jan. 8, 2011, at the Sturgis Hospital.

She was born July 22, 1917, in Chicago, Ill., to the late William C. and Florence E. (Greasby) Mohr.

Mrs. Rowe

Evelyn had resided in Sturgis since 1968, coming from LaGrange County, Ind.

She was first married to Robert Houser. She later married Maynard Misner who died in 1960. She then married Leroy Schrader who died in 1979. Following the death of Mr. Schrader she married Boyd Rowe who died in 2000.

Evelyn retired from Farm Bureau in LaGrange, where she had been employed as a secretary from 1960-1969. She had also worked at the Kirsch Co. in Sturgis for several years.

She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church in Sturgis where she was also a past member of the Friendship Circle. Evelyn was a 50-year member and Past Matron of the Order of Eastern Star 251 in LaGrange, and in the LaGrange Past Matrons Club. She was a member of Teti-Sheri Temple Daughters of the Nile in Fort Wayne, Ind., and a 50-year charter member of the White Shrine of Jerusalem Faith Chapter in Anderson, Ind. She was a Past President of the Wolcottville High School P.T.A., and member of Christian Women's Club, City, Country Craft Club and the Sewing Club. Evelyn also played the piano several years ago at the Valentine Church and the Lakeview Church both in Indiana.

She is survived by her grandsons, David Houser of Shipshewana, Ind., Jack Houser of Albion, Ind., Roger (Margo) Houser of Bristol, Ind. and Donald Houser, Jr. of Michigan City, Ind.; granddaughters, Kim (Dennis) Galinas of LaGrange, Patricia (Jason) Sanford of LaGrange, and Lori (Aaron) Pugh of Michigan; 11 great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and son-in-law, Jerry L. Gray of Wolcottville, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husbands; one son, Donald Houser; one daughter, Dorothy Gray; two grandsons, Robert Gray and Richard Gray; one great-grandson, Joshua Gray; one daughter-in-law, Joann Houser; one sister, Eleanor Davis; and her stepfather, Earl Houser.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Hackman Family Funeral Homes - Hackman Chapel, 114 S. Nottawa St., Sturgis. Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church in Sturgis. The Revs. Deb Johnson and Robert Keim will officiate. A graveside committal will follow the service at the Woodruff Cemetery in Woodruff, Ind.

Memorials are to the First United Methodist Church, 200 Pleasant Ave., Sturgis, MI 49091 or the Shriner's Hospital for Children, 2211 North Oak Park Ave., Chicago, IL 60707.

Personal messages of support may be left for the family at hackmanfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Greg Guthrie

AVILLA — Greg Wayne Guthrie Jr., 30, of Avilla died unexpectedly on Jan. 7, 2011, at his Avilla home.

He served in the U.S. Navy, and enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his family. He was a member of the Kendallville American Legion Post and the Kendallville Eagles.

Mr. Guthrie was born on Aug. 8, 1980, in Kendallville to Greg Wayne Guthrie Sr. and Jody (Keck) Richardson.

Surviving are: his father and his wife, Greg (Judy) Guthrie Sr., of Kendallville; his mother and her husband, Jody (Nic) Richardson, of Fort Wayne; a son, Lucas Guthrie of Ohio; two daughters, Naomi Guthrie, of Avilla, and Alyssa Quessenberry, of Kendallville; fiancee Tracey Bell; maternal grandfather, James Krock, of Avilla; stepgrandparents, Leland and Lioba Richardson, of Fort Wayne, and Gabby and Barb Davis, of Kendallville; a stepgrandfather, Jim Ohlwine; a brother, Ryan Richardson, of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Bambi Guthrie and Kari Guthrie, both of Kendallville; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Moses and Betty Guthrie, and Jackie Krock.

Services will be Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Calling will be Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011, from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will follow at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials may go to Greg Guthrie's Children Education Fund.

To send condolences online go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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Mildred Mishler

SHIPSHEWANA — Mildred " Millie" Mishler, 89 of Shipshewana, died Saturday Jan. 8, 2011, at the Life Care Center of LaGrange, Ind.

She was born on Nov. 16, 1921, in LaGrange County to Truman and Nona (Yoder) Mishler.

Mrs. Mishler

Millie worked for the Shipshewana State Bank as a secretary for 33 years. She also owned and operated the Shipshewana Dime Store and later worked for Dutch Blessings floral shop. She was a member of the Shipshewana United Methodist Church and the Republican Central Committee.

Millie was named the 1997 Shipshewana Citizen of the Year.

Surviving are a son and a daughter-in-law, Keith and Judy Mishler of Shipshewana; four grandsons, Scott (Marcia) Mishler of Evansville, Brian Mishler of Lansing, Mich., Stephen (Brittany) Mishler of Fort Wayne, and Brad (Kathryn) Mishler of Kendallville; six great-grandchildren, Rachelle, Jack, Sarah, Daniel, Thomas and Cooper; and a brother-in-law, Richard Hostetler of Topeka.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three sisters and a brother.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011. at the Shipshewana United Methodist Church, 400 E. Middlebury St., with the Rev. Andy Dayton and Rev. John Wolf officiating. Burial will take place in Shore Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Visitation will be held at the Frurip-May funeral Home on Tuesday, Jan. 11, from 2-8 p.m.

Memorials may be contributed to the Church.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

David McCutchan

ANGOLA — David R. McCutchan, 85, of Angola died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011, at the Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. McCutchan was born May 31, 1925, to John H. and Edith Pulliam McCutchan in Parke County. He graduated from Tri-State University in 1949 and was an U.S. Army World War II veteran. He was a civil engineer for the Indiana State Highway Department for 36 years, retiring in 1986.

He was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church; Scottish Rite, Valley of Indianapolis, and the Mystic Tie Lodge of Indianapolis.

He is survived by his three sons, Denis McCormack of Fort Myers Beach, Fla., Ken McCormack of Madison, Wis., and Larry McCutchan of Goshen; two daughters, Kathy Hoffman of Sterling, Va., and Janet Archer of Indianapolis; one brother, James McCutchan of Crawfordsville; and six grandchildren.

He was preceded by his parents; his wives Greta Bodie McCutchan in 1956, Dorothy Krause McCutchan in 1986 and Mary D. McCutchan in 2007; four brothers and two sisters.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Tim Terrell officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Steuben County.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Angola United Methodist Church or donor's choice.

The guestbook may be signed at www.weichtfh.com

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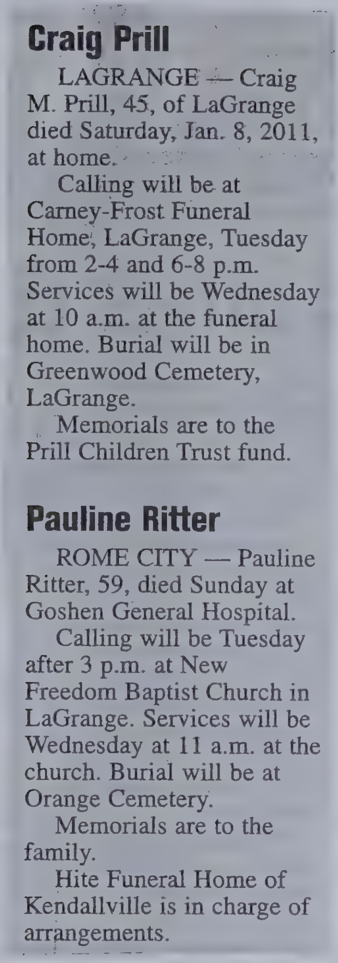


Craig Prill

LAGRANGE — Craig M. Prill, 45, of LaGrange died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011, at home.

Calling will be at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Services will be Wednesday at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Memorials are to the Prill Children Trust fund.

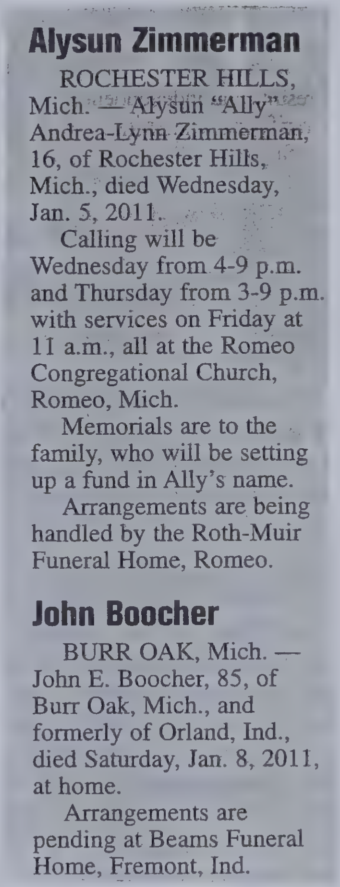
Pauline Ritter

ROME CITY — Pauline Ritter, 59, died Sunday at Goshen General Hospital.

Calling will be Tuesday after 3 p.m. at New Freedom Baptist Church in LaGrange. Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the church. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.



Alysun Zimmerman

ROCHESTER HILLS, Mich. — Alysun "Ally" Andrea-Lynn Zimmerman, 16, of Rochester Hills, Mich., died Wednesday, Jan. 5, 2011.

Calling will be Wednesday from 4-9 p.m. and Thursday from 3-9 p.m. with services on Friday at 11 a.m., all at the Romeo Congregational Church, Romeo, Mich.

Memorials are to the family, who will be setting up a fund in Ally's name.

Arrangements are being handled by the Roth-Muir Funeral Home, Romeo.

John Boocher

BURR OAK, Mich. — John E. Boocher, 85, of Burr Oak, Mich., and formerly of Orland, Ind., died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011, at home.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, Ind.

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Pauline Ritter

ROME CITY — Pauline Ritter, age 59, of Rome City died on Sunday, January 9, 2011, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mrs. Ritter

Mrs. Ritter was born in Hindman, Kentucky, on April 27, 1951, to the late Paul and Nellie (Moore) Sturdivant.

She graduated from Lakeland High School and Ivy Tech, Fort Wayne, in 1983 with an associate degree in computer programing.

Pauline owned Tubby's Pizza in Rome City and Churubusco for about four years in the early 1990s.

She was a secretary at Deca-Tech in Kendallville and Eaton Controls for a period of time and she was a real estate agent for Colwell-Banker, Shrock Real Estate from 1996-2008.

Pauline loved spending time with all 10 of her grandchildren at the same time.

She loved kids, spending time with her family and helping others. She also liked going to stock car races, playing cards, working word search and crossword puzzles.

She attended the New Freedom Baptist Church in LaGrange.

Survivors include a daughter, Tammy and George Wolfe of Wolcottville; a son, Ridgely Ritter Jr. of Wolcottville; 10 grandchildren, Amanda Cressey, Kaitlyn Wolfe, Tyler Ritter, Payton Ritter, Natalie Ritter, Brody Ritter, Ivory Ritter, Brooke Ritter, Tristin Ritter and Jade Ritter; one great-grandchild, Kourtney Marie Rupert; three brothers, Jasper and Wanda Case of Wolcottville, Rev. Wade and Deb Sturdivant of LaGrange and David Sturdivant of Wolcottville; a sister, Jackie and Denny Thompson of Topeka; her companion and friend, Donald Conrad of Ligonier; and many nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Travis Ritter, who died in 1991; her grandson, William Louis Cressey II who died November 1986; a nephew, Shane Case, who died November 20, 2006; and a daughter-in-law, Tiffany Ritter who died in 2010.

Visitation will be today, Tuesday, January 11, 2011, after 3 p.m. at New Freedom Baptist Church, corner of Factory and Sycamore streets in LaGrange, Indiana.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at 11 a.m. at New Freedom Baptist Church.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Wade Sturdivant.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Preferred memorials may be made to family.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Pauline at www.hitefuneralhome.

Mina Bock

ANGOLA — Mina "Grace" Bock, 99, of Angola died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mrs. Bock

Mrs. Bock was a homemaker.

She was a member of Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and had attended Angola United Methodist Church of Angola. She was also a member of Lydia Circle of the Angola United Methodist Church.

She was born May 18, 1911, in Macy, Ind., to Hiram M. and Olive P. (Warner) Ewer. She married Floyd R. Bock Sr. He died in 1994.

Surviving are a son, Richard Warner Bock Sr. of Elkhart; a daughter-in-law, Mary N. Bock of Angola; five grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Floyd R. Bock Jr. in 1999; five brothers; and four sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Angola United Methodist Church in Angola with Pastor Tim Terrell officiating.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Rice Cemetery in Elkhart.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to Gideon Bibles or to the Angola Methodist Church Chancel Choir.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

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John Boocher

FREMONT — John E. Boocher, 85, of Burr Oak, Mich., and formerly of Orland, Ind., and Bronson, Mich., died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011, in Burr Oak, Mich.

Mr. Boocher

Mr. Boocher had been a steel cutter for Burr Oak Tool and Gage in Sturgis, Mich., retiring in 1989. He had previously worked for 20 years for Bronson Reel Company.

He attended Orland Schools and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II.

Mr. Boocher was a member of the Orland American Legion Post 423.

He enjoyed fishing and playing cards, especially Pinochle and Euchre. He also liked playing pool and traveling.

He was born February 23, 1924, in Bremen, Indiana, to Elmer and Helen (Starrett) Boocher. They preceded him in death. He married Bernice E. Tweddly on September 23, 1993. She survives in Burr Oak.

Also surviving are a son, Ronald and Diane Boocher of Sturgis, Mich.; five stepchildren, Connie and Dave Crawford of Copemish, Mich., Dan and Therese Strang of Interlochen, Mich., Penny Strang of Traverse City, Mich., Robert and Collen Strang of Kingsley, Mich., and Lisa Strang of Hastings, Mich.; several grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and one brother, Harold Boocher of Orland, Ind.

He was also preceded in death by three daughters, Sandra Kay Boocher, Mary Ann Taylor and Barbara Jean Boocher; a brother, Lewis Boocher; a sister, Sabre Mary Young; and two stepchildren, Rick Strang and Glen “"Dut” Strang.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, January 13, 2011, at the Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with Pastor George Cleverly officiating.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Cemetery in Orland, Ind. Military committal services will be conducted by members of the Orland American Legion Post 423.

Memorials are to the Sturgis Church of Christ in Sturgis, Mich.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Joyce Hicks

LIGONIER — Joyce Ann Hicks, 48, of Ligonier died unexpectedly Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hicks

Mrs. Hicks was a homemaker. She had previously worked at Parker Hannifin in Ligonier.

She was baptized in the Lighthouse Tabernacle in Kimmell.

She was born March 9, 1962, in Floyd County, Ky., to Ed and Hazel May (Taylor) Beverly. She married Mark T. Hicks on Feb. 14, 2004, in Kimmell. He survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Jamie and Darin Harmon of Ligonier and Katie Jacobs of Ligonier; two sons, Jonathan Jacobs of Rome City and Donovan Jacobs of Jackson, Ky.; 13 grandchildren; eight sisters, Hettie Parsons of Michigan, Velma Ringwald of California, Brenda Ringwald of Ohio, Carrie Mullins of Kentucky, Diane Keltch of Kentucky, Barb Dick of Ohio, Peggy Rogers of Kentucky and Ada Johnson of Alabama; one brother, Andy Beverly of Kentucky; and her father-in-law and mother-in-law, William Hicks Jr. and Mable Hicks of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by her parents and nine brothers and sisters.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday in God's Harvest Barn, 10980 S.R. 5, Ligonier, with Pastor Wade Kizer, Pastor Glen Patrick and Pastor Purda Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Calling will be after 3 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the family.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Willem Schummer

ANGOLA — A memorial service for Willem "Pooh" Jan Schummer II, 20, of Angola, will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 15, at the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

Mr. Schummer died Friday, Dec. 17, 2010

Donations to the family for medical expenses will be appreciated. Send donations to Betty Schummer, 234 Cornet St., Angola, IN 46703.

William Seaman

LAGRANGE — William E. Seaman, 72, of Sebring, Fla., and formerly of Howe, Ind., died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011, at his residence in Sebring.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

THE NEWS SUN
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Alysun Zimmerman

ROMEO, Mich. — Alysun "Ally" Andrea-Lynn Zimmerman, 16, a true angel received her wings on January 5, 2011.

She was born April 24, 1994, the daughter of David A. and Laurel (Barnhart) Zimmerman in Rochester Hills.

Ally was extremely proud of being a member of the Romeo Community. She loved her school, her town, her friends and everything that is "Romeo."

Her passion for singing began in elementary when she attended Hamilton Parsons. She would sing for her teachers then participated in "POPS" puppets for Christ, visiting local nursing homes where she sang with her puppets. In middle school, she was active in baseball, basketball and was a Romeo Renegade. She was a proud member of the Romeo Dance Studio for 9 years where she took lessons in tap, jazz, hip-hop, vocals and piano.

At Romeo High School she was vice president of Student Council in 10th grade, was a member of PEER, a Link Crew Leader, chorus, and a member of Romeo High School theater group where she received the leading role in the play and recently attended a thespian competition at Michigan State where the group received an "excellent."

Ally was awarded the Macomb County Certificate of Appreciation along with other RETC students providing K-9 dog unit equipment.

Her love was singing and recently completed the summer program at the Macomb Center for the Arts and participated in the Broadway performance this past summer. Her most recent award was at the International Completion in Toronto on November 10, 2010, where she received first place in all categories.

Ally was known as the "peace maker" by her classmates. She took pride in her family, her heritage, her friends and always wanted to help others. Her goal was to help people by becoming a doctor, helping the planet (very eco friendly) and to pursue her love of singing. One of her last statements was "Mom, I will always help others with a smile on my face and never complain; my grandpa (Ed Barnhart) taught me that."

Ally's generosity will live on through her multi-organ transplant fostering the survival of three lives.

She is survived by her beloved mother, Laurel Barnhart Zimmerman of Oakland Township; beloved brother, Garrett Marcum of Oakland Township; beloved father, David Alan Zimmerman of Rochester Hills; beloved grandmother, Mildred "Milly" of Romeo; aunt Carolyn Buda (Mike) Niemiec of Marysville, and uncle Edwin (Erin) Barnhart of Shelby Township; aunt Becky Zimmerman, aunt Ena Zimmerman and uncle Bob (Georgia) Zimmerman all of Kendallville, Ind., and many beloved cousins, family and friends.

She was preceded in death by her beloved grandfather Ed in 2010.

Visitation will be held today, Wednesday, January 12, from 4-9 p.m. and Thursday, January, 1, from 3-9 p.m. with a funeral service to be held on the Friday, January 14, at 11 a.m. at the Congregational Church.

Donations may be made to the family or to the Ally Zimmerman Memorial Fund.

Arrangements by the Roth-Muir Funeral Home.

THE NEWS SUN
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Donna Mumaw

KENDALLVILLE — Donna Jean Mumaw, 77, of Kendallville died Monday, January 10, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Mumaw

Mrs. Mumaw was employed at the Rome City School and she worked in the cafeteria. She also worked at United Technology in Topeka and Colwell in Kendallville.

She was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Albion.

Mrs. Mumaw graduated from Avilla High School in 1951.

Mrs. Mumaw was born in Kendallville on November 8, 1933, to the late Carl Edwin and Iona Grace (Albaugh) Frederick. She was married to her first husband, Gene Acker, in July 1954 and he died in September 1972. She later married Ernest William Mumaw Jr. on December 10, 1993, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death August 31, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters, Rena and Keith Brown of Fort Wayne and Rhonda and Vern Ludy of rural Albion; a son, Randy and Penny Acker of Kendallville; her grandchildren, Christopher and Michele Ludy of Indianapolis, Jennifer Ludy of Albion and Brandon Acker and Nathan Acker, both of Hartford City; and one great-grandchild, Benjamin Ludy of Indianapolis.

Visitation will be today, Wednesday, January 12, 2011, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Thursday, January 13, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating.

Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery rural Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Riley Hospital for Children or Noble County Humane Shelter.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Donna at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

William Seaman

HOWE — William E. "Bill" Seaman, 72, of Sebring, Fla., and formerly of Howe, died Sunday, Jan. 9, 2011, at his home in Sebring.

Mr. Seaman

Mr. Seaman lived his lifetime in Howe until moving to Florida in 2002.

He retired from Norris Truck Service of LaGrange in 2002 and was a former MAC Tools salesman.

He was a member of the Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe, where he was a former elder.

He had been a member of the Howe Volunteer Fire Department for 35 years.

He was born July 13, 1938, in Sturgis, Mich., to Sherman E. and Hilda Evelyn (Huber) Seaman. They both preceded him in death. He married Charlotte M. Shrewsberry on Feb. 7, 1957, in LaGrange. She survives in Sebring.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, James and Pamela Bensema of Spartanburg, S.C., and Debbra Taylor of Howe; a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Kelly Seaman of Aurora, Ill.; eight grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Also preceding him in death was a daughter, Janet Seaman in October 1960.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe, with Rev. Vanessa Syvertsen and Shannon Blosser officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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Charles Freise

ANGOLA — Charles Richard Freise, Chuck to his family and friends, age 78, passed away peacefully at home on Sunday January 9, 2011.

He was born May 20, 1932, in Waukegan, Ill., to Frank and Caroline (Nerge) Freise.

Chuck graduated from Waukegan High School in 1949, where he played tennis and basketball; both remained passions into adulthood.

He was a veteran of the United States Air Force where he served from 1951 to 1954. Chuck met his sweetheart Joan Ida Heussman when he was stationed in Denver, Colo., and they married on September 18, 1953.

A career with Volkswagen of America took them later in their marriage from Waukegan to Albany, N.Y., back to Illinois, and finally to Detroit where he retired in 1992.

He and Joan were happy to call Angola, Ind., home for the past 18 years.

A devoted Christian and member of Peace Lutheran Church in Fremont, Ind., he is survived by his wife, Joan, and four daughters, Carol (Greg) Canright of Seattle, Wash., Jennifer (Greg) Hanson of Libertyville, Ill., Marla (Doug) Reinert of Atwood, Kan., and Gail (Tom) Plinke of Waukegan, Ill.

He was a very proud grandpa to five granddaughters, three grandsons, two great-grandsons, and a third great-grandchild on the way.

Preceded in death by his parents and sister, Alice Freise Souza, Chuck is survived by numerous nieces and nephews who will cherish his memory.

Chuck was a creative man, at peace on the water, who loved to garden and taught his daughters how to change a tire and the value of hard work. His love of the outdoors nurtured and sustained him. He had an eye for color and beauty and his gardens demonstrated the joy and commitment he put into them with their lush and prolific output. He enjoyed working with stained glass and we cherish the pieces he created for his family and grandchildren. His strength, steadfastness, and loyalty will be missed and eternally appreciated.

Funeral services will take place on Friday, January 14, at 11 a.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, preceded by visitation at the church at 10 a.m.

Interment and graveside service will take place on Saturday, January 15, at 11 a.m. CST at Highland Memorial Park Cemetery in Libertyville, Ill.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Further information is available online at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Memorial donations are suggested to Peace Lutheran Church, 355 East S.R. 120, Fremont, IN 46737, or the charity of your choice.

Betty Gaff

CHURUBUSCO — Betty I. Gaff, 85, of Columbia City and formerly of Churubusco died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City.

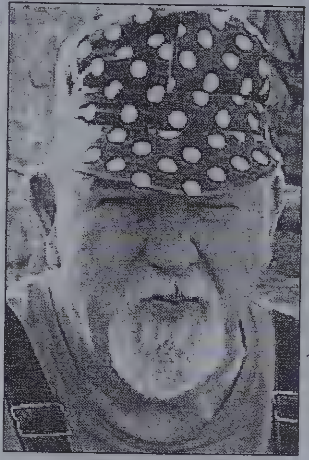
Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 12, 2011, Wednesday

Dan C. Routsong, 69



Dan C. Routsong, age 69, of McAllen, TX, formerly of Albion, IN passed away on January 2, 2011. He was born on September 4, 1941 in Sturgis, MI to George W. & Eunice (Garlets) Routsong. On December 24, 1976 he married G. Joan Cox.

Mr. Routsong graduated from Cromwell High School in 1960. He then went on to serve his country honorably in United States Army from 1962-66 & was a Vietnam veteran. After returning from the service he went to work for B & O Railroad which eventually became CSX Railway. He was with the company for over 39 years as a Brakeman and Conductor based out of Garrett, IN. He was a member of the Elks and the American Legion in Ligonier. He also enjoyed Fort Wayne Komets hockey, racecars, going to auctions and was a faithful member of the Dari Point Social Club. Above all, he enjoyed spending time with his family whom he loved dearly.

Surviving are his wife, Joan Routsong of McAllen, TX; three children, Mike (Millisa) Burdette of Ligonier, Robin (Matt) Moser of Wawaka, Brent Holloway of McAllen, TX; twelve grandchildren, Michael, Daniel, Mitchell and Marcus Burdette, Brittany, Brooke and Grant Moser, Audri and Austin Moore, Abby, Mandy and Ashlynn Erwin; two special nieces, Penny (Clay) Moore of Albion, Jenifer Rodriguez Erwin of Syracuse; four sisters, Mary (Ron) Anthony of Woodburn, Carol Jean (Pablo) Arellano of Florida, Julia Routsong of Wawaka and Gale (Paul) Riley of Fort Wayne. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother-in-law, Paul Riley.

A funeral service was held in Mr. Routsong's honor on Saturday, January 8, 2011 with Celebrant Larry Baker officiating. Burial took place at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, IN. Pallbearers were Joe Zborowski, Michael Burdette, Mitchell Burdette, Matt Moser, Pablo Arellano and Mario Gutierrez.

Memorial contributions are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana, 6316 Mutual Dr., Fort Wayne, IN 46825 or the American Diabetes Association, 6415 Castleway Dr., Suite 114, Indianapolis, IN 46250.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Devan Christopher White, 15

Devan Christopher White, age 15, of Ligonier, IN and formerly of New Carlisle, IN went to be with the Lord January 7, 2011 at 11:10 PM following a courageous battle with cancer. He was born May 11, 1995 in Goshen Hospital to Michael White & Robynne Wagner.

Devan had attended New Prairie Schools in New Carlise as well as West Noble in Ligonier. He was a member of Trinity Assembly of God in Ligonier. Devan was a natural athlete and sportsman. He enjoyed playing football, wrestling, soccer, baseball, skateboarding, hunting & fishing. He was also an avid fan of Notre Dame, the Colts, & the Kentucky Wildcats.

Devan is survived by his parents; Robynne Wagner of Niles, MI, Michael and Margarita White of Ligonier, five siblings; Cory Wagner of Leesburg, IN, Nicolas Johnson of Niles, MI, Raquel, Connor, and Jacqueline "Jackie" White all of Ligonier, grandparents; George and Katherine Wright of Mishawaka, IN, David and Margarita Pena of Ligonier, James Wagner Jr. of Niles, MI, and Ken and Alice Johnson of Ligonier. He was preceded in death by a grandfather, Jennings White Sr. and great-grandparents, Herbert & Isabell LeCount.

A funeral service in Devan's honor will be held Wednesday January 12, 2011 at 2 p.m. at Trinity Assembly of God, 1288 West Union, Ligonier, IN 46767 with Pastor Cory Kirkhan officiating. Burial will follow at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier, IN.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Devan White Scholarship Fund c/o Noble County Community Foundation, 1599 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767 Or the Devan White Scholarship Fund, c/o Huntington Bank, 929 South 11th St., Niles, MI 49120.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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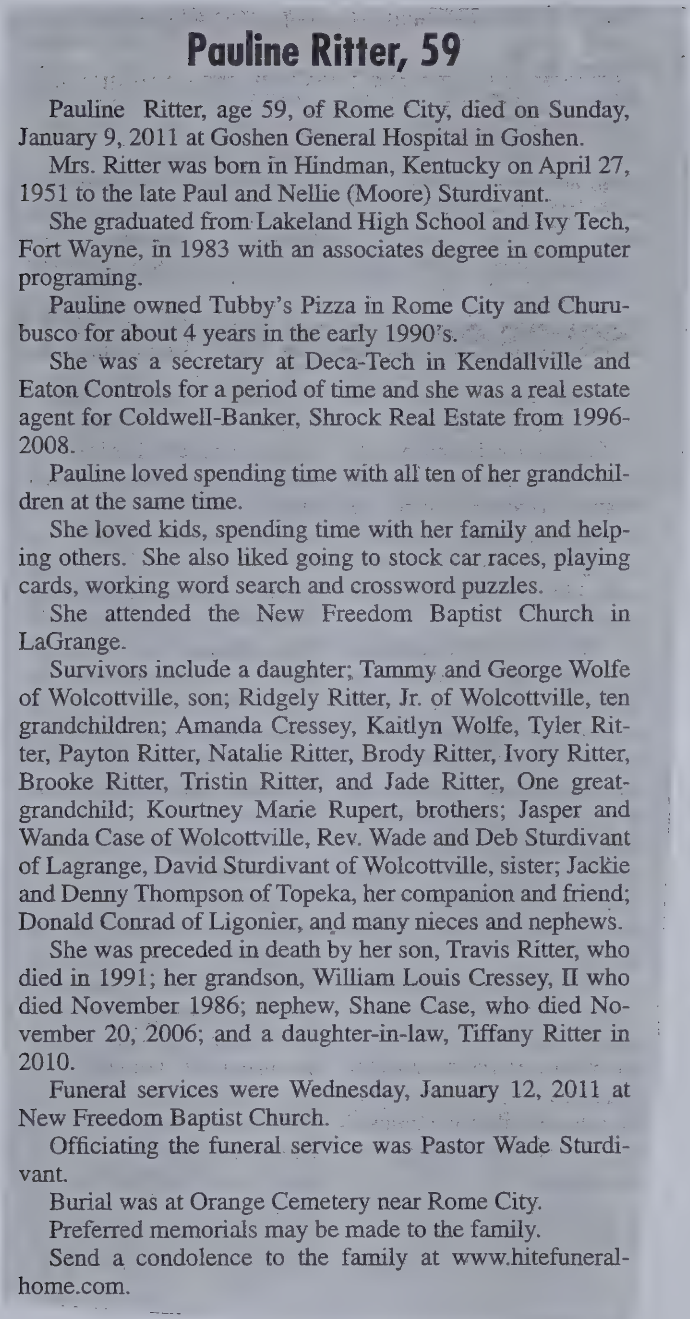

Pauline Ritter, 59

Pauline Ritter, age 59, of Rome City, died on Sunday, January 9, 2011 at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Mrs. Ritter was born in Hindman, Kentucky on April 27, 1951 to the late Paul and Nellie (Moore) Sturdivant.

She graduated from Lakeland High School and Ivy Tech, Fort Wayne, in 1983 with an associates degree in computer programing.

Pauline owned Tubby's Pizza in Rome City and Churubusco for about 4 years in the early 1990's.

She was a secretary at Deca-Tech in Kendallville and Eaton Controls for a period of time and she was a real estate agent for Coldwell-Banker, Shrock Real Estate from 1996-2008.

Pauline loved spending time with all ten of her grandchildren at the same time.

She loved kids, spending time with her family and helping others. She also liked going to stock car races, playing cards, working word search and crossword puzzles.

She attended the New Freedom Baptist Church in LaGrange.

Survivors include a daughter; Tammy and George Wolfe of Wolcottville, son; Ridgely Ritter, Jr. of Wolcottville, ten grandchildren; Amanda Cressey, Kaitlyn Wolfe, Tyler Ritter, Payton Ritter, Natalie Ritter, Brody Ritter, Ivory Ritter, Brooke Ritter, Tristin Ritter, and Jade Ritter, One great-grandchild; Kourtney Marie Rupert, brothers; Jasper and Wanda Case of Wolcottville, Rev. Wade and Deb Sturdivant of Lagrange, David Sturdivant of Wolcottville, sister; Jackie and Denny Thompson of Topeka, her companion and friend; Donald Conrad of Ligonier, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her son, Travis Ritter, who died in 1991; her grandson, William Louis Cressey, II who died November 1986; nephew, Shane Case, who died November 20, 2006; and a daughter-in-law, Tiffany Ritter in 2010.

Funeral services were Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at New Freedom Baptist Church.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Wade Sturdivant.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery near Rome City.

Preferred memorials may be made to the family.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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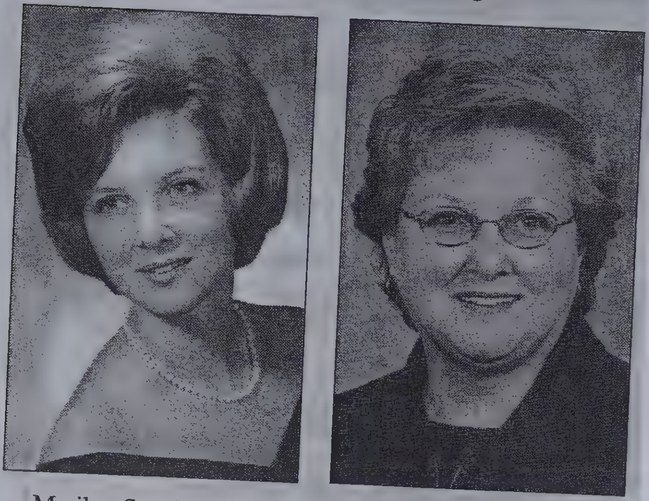
Marilyn Sue Armstrong, 61



Marilyn Sue Armstrong, age 61, lost her courageous battle with cancer on Friday, January 7, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at her home in Avilla with her loving family by her side. Mrs. Armstrong had been in failing health for the past 3 months. She had previously battled cancer in 2007 and won.

She was born on January 21, 1949 in Tell City, IN to Arnold Edward Jarboe and Daulee (Richey) Jarboe.

She graduated from Southside High School in Fort Wayne, IN in 1967 and then earned a Bachelor's degree in Sociology from Indiana University.

On November 22, 1969 she married Robert Lee Armstrong in Fort Wayne, IN. They resided in St. Joe, IN for 27 years before moving to Avilla, IN where they spent the last 10 years. In 2004, she retired as the Sales Supervisor from Nucor Fastener, St. Joe Division.

She was a very active member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla where she was the President of the United Methodist Women's Group. She cherished spending time with her beloved grandchildren. She was an avid gardener, and she enjoyed cooking, sewing, knitting, embroidery, reading and traveling.

Surviving are her husband, Robert Lee Armstrong of Avilla, IN; two daughters and their husbands, Sara and Scott Vitz of Grabill, IN and Susan and Curtis Lohr of Avilla, IN; six grandchildren, Austin and Logan Wood, Katelyn and Drew Meyer, and Aidan and Gaven Vitz; her father, Arnold Edward Jarboe of Fort Wayne, IN; two sisters, Carole (June) Cullen of Crossville, TN and Kris Green of Fort Wayne, IN; three brothers, Edward Jarboe of Lebanon, TN, John Jarboe of Norman, OK, and Jack Jarboe of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Daulee (Richey) Jarboe in 2009.

Funeral services for Mrs. Armstrong were on Wednesday, January 12, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla, IN. Rev. Leonard King will officiate.

Burial followed at the Avilla Cemetery, with a memorial luncheon immediately afterwards at the church.

Memorials may be made to the Calvary United Methodist Women's Group, Eve's Circle.

ALBION NEW ERA
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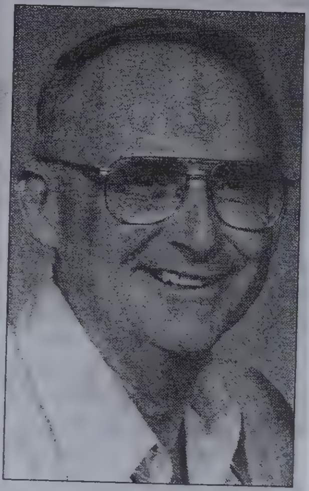
Donald Lee Gienger, 77



Donald Lee Gienger, age 77, of Avilla, died on Friday, January 7, 2011 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mr. Gienger was born in Garrett, Indiana on March 9, 1933 to the Harold Michael and Esther Matilda (Keck) Gienger.

He graduated from Avilla High School in 1951 and served his country in the United States Army in Germany from 1953 to 1955 during the Korean War. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Army of Occupation Medal.

He married Donna Lou Kinerk on October 17, 1958 at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

Don was employed with International Harvester/NaviStar in Fort Wayne for 20 years before he retired in 1983.

He was a longtime member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church and a 48 year member of the American Legion Post #240 in Avilla.

Don enjoyed fishing trips to Rice Lake in Cananda, hunting and gardening.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Donna Gienger of Avilla; sons, Timothy and Radena Gienger of Kendallville, James Gienger of Avilla, Eric and Cari Gienger of Kendallville; daughter, Pamela and Andy Haddock of Fort Wayne; nine grandchildren; brothers, Robert and Sue Gienger of Avilla, Russell Gienger of Avilla, Carl Gienger of Albion; sisters, Mary Louise and Frank McWilliams of Fort Wayne, Marjorie Ann and Everett Dobbins of New Carlisle, Patty Jo and Richard Buckles of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Harold Gienger and sister, Marilyn Brunkhart.

Private funeral services were Monday, January 10, 2011, at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville, with Pastor Thomas Dunbar officiating. Military honors were conducted at the funeral home by members of the Avilla American Legion Post #240 honor guard team.

Preferred memorials may be made to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla and directed to the church.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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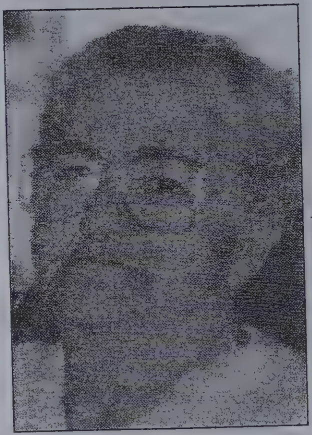
Edna Mae Tuttle, 75



Edna Mae Tuttle, age 75, of Wolcottville, died on Thursday, January 6, 2011 at the home of her sister and brother-in-law, Nadine and Billy Ray Powers, near Mongo, Indiana.

Mrs. Tuttle was born in Rock Fork hollar, near Garrett, Kentucky on September 13, 1935 to the late Jay and Delzy (Chaffins) Tuttle.

Edna was employed at Sturgis Molding for 25 years before retiring in 1989.

She was a member of the Charity United Baptist Church near Stroh.

Survivors include: son, James Anthony and Sadona Tuttle of Fort Wayne; brothers, Rev. Bill and Betty Tuttle of Hudson, Harvey and Ruthie Tuttle of LaGrange, Rodney and Helen Tuttle of Rock Fork, Kentucky; sisters, Nadine and Billy Ray Powers of Howe, Ruby Jean and Klinon Newsome of Grethel, Kentucky, Barbara Ann and Oscar Slone of Rome City, Cindy and Gary McNickle of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Irene Moore and brothers, Isom Tuttle and Rev. Marvin Douglas Tuttle.

Funeral services were Monday, January 10, 2011 at the Charity United Baptist Church.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Willie Collins with Rev. Travis Moore, Rev. Zack Brown and Rev. Terry Tuttle assisting.

Burial was at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Casketbearers were Ben Brown, Robert Page, Devin Mahler, Phillip Tuttle, Ronnie Tuttle, Bruce Tuttle, Chad Tuttle, Mike Tuttle and Ryan Hicks.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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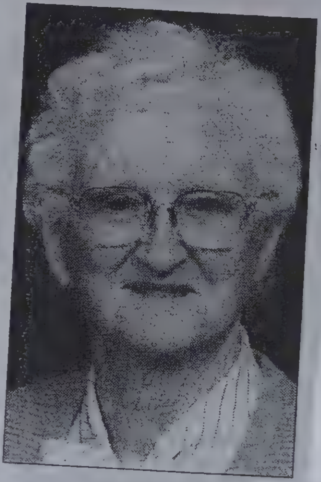
Irene Bernice Myers, 88



Irene Bernice Myers, age 88, of Kendallville died on Wednesday, January 5, 2011 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Myers was born in LaCrosse, Wisconsin on June 16, 1922 to the late William and Bertha (Linstad) Peterson.

She married Merle Myers on January 7, 1946 in LaCrosse. Merle preceded her death December 24, 2006.

Irene was the bookkeeper at Uhl Oil in Kendallville for 23 years before she retired in 1991.

She was a member of the Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church in Kendallville where she served as treasurer of the Guardian Angels Women's group, taught adult Sunday school class for 20 years, helped make quilts for Lutheran World Relief, and made paraments, banners and stoles for the church sanctuary.

Irene was a member of the Noble-Nimble-Thimble Quilt Club in Albion, the Cotton Blossom Quilt Club of Rome City, the Material Girls Quilt Club and The Do Nothing Club.

She loved to tend to her flower gardens when she lived on the farm west of Kendallville.

Irene loved reading and actually documented and journaled over 2000 library books that she had read throughout the years.

She also enjoyed needle work and quilting.

Survivors include: sons, David and Winnie Myers of Tewksbury, Massachusetts, Nicholas Myers of Kendallville; daughter, Elaine Moore of Marion, Indiana; four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; sister, Dorothy Bahan of West Salem, Wisconsin; brother, John Peterson of Apple Valley, Minnesota.

She was preceded in death by her foster parents who raised her, John and Pauline Bjorge; two brothers, Archie and Robert Peterson; a sister, Elsie Ambrose; and two foster sisters, Hazel Kuntson and Edna Bigley.

Funeral services were Saturday, January 8, 2011 at Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church rural Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Phyllis Smoot.

Burial was at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Preferred memorials may be made to Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Irene by Friday at www.hitefuneralhome.com or find us on Facebook.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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January 12, 2011, Wednesday

Pat Peters, 71

Pat Peters, 71, a resident of Churubusco and wife of Mahlon E. Peters, passed away at 7:10 p. m. on Tuesday, January 4, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been in failing health since November.

Mrs. Peters was born on February 13, 1939 in Swan Township in Noble County, a daughter of Ralph B. and Fae E. (Butler) Carter, Sr., and graduated from Woodburn High School in 1957.

On November 12, 1960 she was married in Columbia City to Mahlon E. Peters, and lived there until moving to her present home in Churubusco in 1968.

Employed as a nurses aid, she had worked in the obstetrics department at Whitley County Hospital in Columbia City for 30 years until 1985. During the formative years of her children, she was a volunteer for both Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts, and also for 4-H. She had a special talent for sewing, enjoyed crafts and camping, and most especially loved and cherished her family.

The surviving relatives include her husband Mahlon; five children Dan (Lisa) Peters of Churubusco, Doug (Cindy) Peters of Albion, David (Jenny) Peters of Churubusco, Tina (Vaughn) Fulk of Columbia City, and Bethann (James) Richard of Crowley, Tx; her mother Fae Carter of Columbia City; a sister Stella Egolf of Columbia City; two brothers Larry P. (Dolly) Carter of Roanoke and Ralph (Marsha) Carter of Columbia City; a sister-in-law Barbara Carter of Roanoke; 16 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by two sons Dennis Peters in 1964 and Darren Peters in 1991; a brother James Carter; a sister Cathy Perry; and a brother-in-law Dick Egolf.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 8, 2011, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastors Larry Schmoekel and George Cecil, officiating.

Interment was in the Greenhill Cemetery, Columbia City.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to a charity of the donor's choice, or by simply doing an act of kindness for someone in need.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Peters' memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
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January 12, 2011, Wednesday

Donna Jean Noble, 42

Donna Jean Noble, age 42, of Kimmell, IN passed away January 5, 2011 at 3:35 PM in The University of Chicago Hospital. She passed away following a long battle with Leukemia.

Donna was born November 21, 1968 in Chicago, IL to Randall and Gladys Ann (Owens) Noble. She graduated from Cordia High School in Knott County, KY and later moved to Noble County, IN. Donna had worked for Smokercraft in New Paris for over nine years and had also worked part-time for several years at Owens grocery store in Ligonier.

She is survived by her spouse of over 27 years, Fleetus Pridemore Jr. of Kimmell, IN; a daughter, Bessie Ann (Ron Slone) Pridemore of Kimmell, IN; a grandson, Logan James Pridemore-Slone at home; Mother, Gladys Ann Noble of Lakevilla, IL; Father, Randall Noble of Knott County, KY; four siblings, Darlene (Richard) Kusek of Lakevilla, IL, Diane (Margie) Noble of Wonderlake, IL, Doris (Sammy) Amburgey of Knott County, KY, and Randall (Elizabeth) Noble of Chicago, IL; several nieces & nephews.

A memorial service will be held in her honor on Saturday January 15, 2011 at 2 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN, with Pastor Glen Patrick officiating.

Friends may call Saturday January 15, 2011 from 12-2 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are to The Logan James Pridemore-Slone Trust Fund: Lake City Bank, 1470 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

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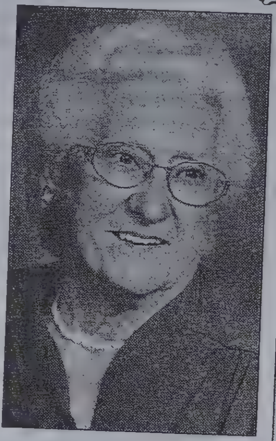

The Family of Virginia Owen
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ALBION NEW ERA
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January 12, 2011, Wednesday

Greg Wayne Guthrie, Jr., 30

Greg Wayne Guthrie Jr., age 30 died unexpectedly on January 7, 2011 at his home in Avilla.

He was born on August 8, 1980 in Kendallville, Indiana to Greg Wayne Guthrie Sr. and Jody (Krock) Richardson.

He served his country in the United States Navy, enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his family. He was a member of the Kendallville American Legion Post, and the Kendallville Eagles.

Surviving are his father and his wife; Greg (Judy) Guthrie Sr., his mother and her husband Jody (Nic) Richardson of Fort Wayne, a son; Lucas Guthrie of Ohio, two daughters; Naomi Guthrie of Avilla and Alyssa Quessenberry of Kendallville, fiancee; Tracey Bell, maternal grandfather; James Krock of Avilla, step-grandparents; Leland and Lioba Richardson of Fort Wayne, and Gabby and Barb Davis of Kendallville, also a step-grandfather; Jim Ohlwine.

Also surviving are his brother; Ryan Richardson of Fort Wayne, and two sisters; Bambi Guthrie of Kendallville and Kari Guthrie of Kendallville, several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He is preceded in death by his grandparents; Moses and Betty Guthrie and Jackie Krock.

Funeral services for Mr. Guthrie will be Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel.

Visitation will be on Wednesday from 2 to 5 and 6 to 8 at the Funeral Home.

Burial to follow will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Memorials may go to Greg Guthrie's Children Education Fund.

Go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 13, 2011, Thursday

William Kessler

BUTLER — William R. "Bill" Kessler, 69, of Butler died Tuesday, Jan, 11, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Kessler

Bill was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother.

He worked for Crane Edmund in Butler for 18 years before retiring as plant supervisor of Kitchen-Quip in Waterloo in 2007, after 30 years of service. He also enjoyed being a DeKalb County farmer.

He was a 1959 graduate of Butler High School.

He attended Norris Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Auburn.

He was born Aug. 10, 1941, in Churubusco, to Joseph and Mary M. (Foster) Kessler. He married Norma "Jean" Troyer on May 28, 1961, in Waterloo. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Kimberly K. and Casey Boyd of Hudson, and Kelly L. Curry of Butler; two sons and daughters-in-law, W. Kenneth and Lisa Kessler of Hamilton, and Kori R. and Mandy Kessler of Butler; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Joseph "Bud" Kessler of Auburn, Jim and Diane Kessler of West Liberty, Ohio, and Keith Kessler of Butler; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Teresa "Snook" and Robert Young of Butler, and Linda Harris of St. Joe; 13 grandchildren and their spouses, Chad and Jenny Strawn, Candi and Steven Bejarano, Cody Curry, Zack Curry, Brandi Curry, Trever Curry, Bryson Curry, Randi Curry, Josh Kessler, Rian Kessler, Steven Kessler, Shawn Kessler, and Troy Kessler; and four great-grandchildren, Trystan, Kailyn, Savannah, and Ramona.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Isabelle "Izzy" Knapp, Louane Haywood, and Mildred Shultz.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Susan Smith Bryden officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery, Butler.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today, Thursday, and from 10-11 a.m. Friday prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County 4-H.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Ruth Hougland

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth Hougland of Kendallville died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011, in the Generations unit at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Mark Whan

ANGOLA — Mark W. Whan, 53, of Angola and formerly of Fremont died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Matthew Reynolds

FORT WAYNE — Matthew A. Reynolds, 47, of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011, at his home.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at Queen of Angels Catholic Church, 1500 West State Blvd., Fort Wayne.

Funeral Mass will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at the church, with one hour of visitation prior to the service.

Memorials are to Cancer Services of Fort Wayne or Angel Flight of Indianapolis.

Northern Indiana Funeral Care, Fort Wayne, is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 13, 2011, Thursday

Birtie Whitt

KENDALLVILLE — Birtie Lee Whitt, 77, of Kendallville and Fort Wayne died Friday, Jan. 7, 2011, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mr. Whitt

Mr. Whitt had been a coal miner in Virginia and was retired. He had moved to Indiana in 1975 from the Grundy and Vansant, W.Va., area.

He had served his country in the United States Army.

He was born May 26, 1933, in Honaker, Va., to Birtie Allison and Osie Oakley (Rae) Whitt. He married Mary Ellen Whitt on Oct. 15, 1965. She died March 9, 2002.

Surviving are three sons, Lee and Gertie Whitt of West Virginia, Arnold Whitt and his companion, Matthew Hannon, both of Fort Wayne and Thomas and Melinda Whitt of West Virginia; four daughters, Ellen and Ivan Browning of West Virginia, Osie and Dustin Tucker of West Virginia, Charlotte Hart of Kendallville and Pauline Hart of Ligonier; 20 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; four brothers, Donald Whitt of Virginia, Lloyd Whitt of Virginia, Ralph Whitt of Virginia and Lonnie Whitt; and a sister, Patty Singleton of Jacksonville, Fla.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Martha Barontas, and four brothers, Gerald, Thomas, Raymond and Arnold Whitt.

Visitation will be after 3 p.m. today at the Lighthouse Tabernacle in Kimmell.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Lighthouse Tabernacle with the Rev. Glenn Patrick officiating. Burial will be at Corunna Cemetery.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send online condolences to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Joel Ulery

HAMILTON — Joel H. Ulery, 56, of Hamilton, passed away suddenly in his home on Sunday, January 9, 2011.

Mr. Ulery

He was born on June 23, 1954, in Elkhart to John R. Ulery and Marilyn Dawn Kline.

He attended Hamilton High School and then graduated from Indiana University.

Joel worked for Lansing Grain Co. for many years before settling in at Edon Farmers Co-op as a grain trader.

Joel is survived by a daughter, Ashley Dawn Ulery of Angola; a granddaughter, Avery Mansfield of Angola; a sister, Jody (Ron) Enfield of Hamilton; a brother, John (Stephanie) Ulery of Auburn; and three nieces and three nephews.

Joel was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Jeff Ulery.

Joel loved living on the lake and golfing at Cold Springs. He had a passion for life and found his greatest joy spending time with his daughter and granddaughter.

Visitation will be Saturday from 11 a.m. until the 1 p.m. service at Hartzler-Gutermuth-Inman Funeral Home, Elkhart.

Burial will follow at Brown Cemetery, Millersburg.

There will be an open house at 5 p.m. Saturday at Cold Springs Hotel in Hamilton, Ind.

Memorials may be given to the charity of the donor's choice or to the family.

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Goldie Dunkel

KENDALLVILLE — Goldie Dunkel, 90, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Visitation and funeral services will be at noon Saturday at the True Church of God in Jesus' Name in Lisbon, with the Rev. Howard "Sonny" Stanley officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Hite Funeral Home handling arrangements.

Emma Burkhart

GARRETT — Emma Maxine "Packie" Burkhart, 90, of Auburn and formerly a longtime resident of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011 at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Center in Garrett.

Services are Saturday, Jan. 15 at 11 a.m. in the Edgerton Church of Christ with D.V. Dillinger officiating. Interment will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Visitation will be held on Friday, Jan. 14 from 3-7 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

Cornelius Eash

SHIPSHEWANA — Cornelius J. "Neal" Eash, 87, of Shipshewana Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Visitation will be all day today at the Lonnie Miller residence, 2030 N. C.R. 500W, Shipshewana.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at the LaVern Beechy residence, 5580 W. C.R 200, Shipshewana. Burial will be in East Barren Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home in Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Ida Lambright

LAGRANGE — Ida Lambright, 85, of LaGrange Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011, at her residence.

Visitation will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Friday at the family residence, 2540 N. C.R. 250W, LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Amzie Lehman residence, 1310 N. C.R. 250 W., LaGrange. Burial will be in Mast Cemetery, LaGrange.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

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Goldie Dunkel

KENDALLVILLE — Goldie Alberta Dunkel, age 90, of Kendallville died on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Dunkel

Goldie was a homemaker.

She was a member of the True Church of God In Jesus' Name in Lisbon.

Mrs. Dunkel was born in Kendallville on August 22, 1920, to the late Otto Hoffmeyer and Methella Bell (Maston) Miller.

She married Ernest Dale Dunkel and he preceded her death in 2000.

Survivors include three daughters, Alberta "Susie" and Ted Conley of Shipshewana, Elizabeth "Liz" and Ron Combs of Kendallville and Waneta and Derwin Miller of Cape Coral, Florida; a son, Ronald Dunkel of California; seven grandchildren, Jennifer Combs of Spiceland, Indiana, Jesse Douglas of Orland, Christina Combs of Kendallville and Eugene Nolan, Theresa Miller, Cindy Kyle, and Stacey Miller; two great-grandchildren including Lillian Ruth Donley; and a sister, Nancy Muncy of Indianapolis.

She was also preceded in death by her son, David Dunkel, and sisters, Esther Bell and Doris Heileman.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 15, 2011, at noon at the True Church of God In Jesus' Name on Old State Road 3 in Lisbon, Indiana, with visitation an hour before the service.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Howard "Sonny" Stanley.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ruth Hougland

KENDALLVILLE — Ruth Pauline Hougland, age 88, of Kendallville died on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Hougland

Mrs. Hougland was born in North Vernon, Indiana, on January 2, 1923, to Charles M. Robbins and Ora L. (Perrine) Robbins.

She graduated from Crothersville High School in 1940. Later she graduated from Seymour Business College in Seymour, Indiana.

She married Paul Allen Hougland on September 1, 1945, in Scottsburg, Indiana. Paul preceded her in death on October 27, 2007.

Mrs. Hougland worked 15 years at Magnovox in Fort Wayne as a secretary in the engineering department. She retired in 1988.

She was a member of the Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville.

Survivors include two daughters, Deborah Kay Hougland of Garrett and Diana Lynn "Dee" Bedwell of Franklin, Indiana; a grandson, Chris and Michelle Harlan of Kendallville; granddaughters, Erin Keck of Fort Wayne and Courtney Toon of Franklin; a great-granddaughter, Maddison Harlan of Kendallville; and a sister, Alpha Robbins of Madison, Indiana

Mrs. Hougland was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and her sister, Doris Virginia Bohall.

Visitation will be Saturday, January 15, 2011, from 1-3 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 15, 2011, at 3 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Scott Pattison.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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William Kessler

BUTLER — William R. "Bill" Kessler, 69, of Butler died Tuesday, Jan, 11, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Kessler

Bill was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and brother.

He worked for Crane Edmund in Butler for 18 years before retiring as plant supervisor of Kitchen-Quip in Waterloo in 2007, after 30 years of service. He also enjoyed being a DeKalb County farmer.

He was a 1959 graduate of Butler High School.

He attended Norris Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Auburn.

He was born Aug. 10, 1941, in Churubusco, to Joseph and Mary M. (Foster) Kessler. He married Norma "Jean" Troyer on May 28, 1961, in Waterloo. She survives in Butler.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Kimberly K. and Casey Boyd of Hudson, and Kelly L. Curry of Butler; two sons and daughters-in-law, W. Kenneth and Lisa Kessler of Hamilton, and Kori R. and Mandy Kessler of Butler; three brothers and a sister-in-law, Joseph "Bud" Kessler of Auburn, Jim and Diane Kessler of West Liberty, Ohio, and Keith Kessler of Butler; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Teresa "Snook" and Robert Young of Butler, Linda Harris of St. Joe, and Marlene Wasson of Middlebury; 13 grandchildren and their spouses, Chad and Jenny Strawn, Candi and Steven Bejarano, Cody Curry, Zack Curry, Brandi Curry, Trever Curry, Bryson Curry, Randi Curry, Josh Kessler, Rian Kessler, Steven Kessler, Shawn Kessler, and Troy Kessler; and four great-grandchildren, Trystan, Kailyn, Savannah, and Ramona.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters, Isabelle "Izzy" Knapp, Louane Haywood, and Mildred Shultz.

Services will be at 11 a.m. today Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. Susan Smith Bryden officiating. Burial will be in Butler Cemetery, Butler.

Calling from 10-11 a.m. today prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County 4-H.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Mary Cramar

CHURUBUSCO — Mary M. Cramar, 72, formerly of Churubusco died Monday, Jan. 10, 2011, at the home of her daughter in Gleason, Tenn.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Sheila Denton

HUDSON — Sheila G. Denton, 53, of Hudson died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011, at her residence.

Mrs. Denton moved from Evansville, IN to the area in June 2005. She was a homemaker and a member of the Till Road

A memorial service will be held at later date.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

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Emma Burkhart

AUBURN — Emma Maxine "Packie" Burkhart, age 90, of Auburn and formerly of Edgerton, Ohio, died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Center in Garret where she was a resident.

Mrs. Burkhart

Mrs. Burkhart had been employed by Spangler Candy Co. in Bryan, Ohio, making candy canes and DumDum suckers and retired with 20 years of service.

She was a member of the Edgerton Church of Christ, the Do-it-Right Farm Bureau Council for more than 50 years and the Card Club.

She was born Aug. 29, 1920, in Sturgis, Mich., to Zera R. and Emma Martha (Kline) David. She married her husband of 7 years, Maurice C. Burkhart, on Dec. 10, 1938, in Spencerville. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Bonnie Davis, of Glendale, Calif., and Dawn (Dan) Nichter of Fort Wayne; two grandchildren, Richard Yarger II and Megan Nichter; one brother, Wendell David of Mount Vernon, Washington, and one sister, Ida Margaret "Peg" Snyder, of Melbourne, Florida.

She was preceded in death by four brothers and four sisters.

Visitation will be held today, Friday, January 14, 2011, from 3-7 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio.

Services will be held on Saturday, January 15, 2011, at 11 a.m. in the Edgerton Church of Christ with D.V. Dillinger officiating. Interment will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, Ohio.

Memorials are requested to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), 26 Broadway, 14th Floor, New York, N.Y. 10004.

To sign the online register or send condolences, please visit www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Roy Hendricks

ALBION — Roy Dale Hendricks, 84, of Albion, died on Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 10:05 P.M. at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. He had been in declining health for the last six months.

Mr. Hendricks was born on June 25, 1926, in Paxton, Ill., to the late Jacob G. and Delia M. (Harriett) Hendricks. On December 13, 1952, in the Waynedale United Methodist Church he married Maxine Guenther. She preceded him in death on October 6, 1998.

Roy lived most of his life in the Albion area.

He served his country in the U.S. Navy.

He was a truck driver for many years, driving for Dexter Axle in Albion and for Flint & Walling in Kendallville. He also retired from the Pennsylvania Railroad.

Roy was a longtime member of the Albion Fire Department, lifetime member of the Albion Eagles Lodge FOE 2455 and Albion American Legion Post 246.

He enjoyed bowling, going to the fire station and camping at the Jellystone Park in Pierceton.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and Darrell Lash of rural Kendallville; two sons, Mitchell K. Guenther of Centerville, Ind., and Donald Hendricks of Florida; four grandchildren, Michael Lash, Jason Lash, Nicholas Guenther and Amy Guenther; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Lloyd Hendricks of Decatur, Ill.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; a brother, Clifford Hendricks; and a sister, Helen Thomas.

Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, January 16, 2011, at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, January 17, 2011, at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel.

Burial will follow at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Active pallbearers will be members of the Mitch Fiandt, Gregg Gorsuch, Kevin Libben, Tim Lock, Phil Jacob, all members of the Albion Fire Department, and Avilla Fire Chief John Brazzell.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be directed to the Albion Fire Department or the Albion Eagles Lodge FOE 2455.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

William Schmucker

TOPEKA — William W. Schmucker, 69, of Topeka, died at 12:45 p.m. on Friday, January 14, 2011, at his residence.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at the Ernest Bontrager residence, 4220 W. 350S, Topeka. Services will be conducted by Bishop Perry Lehman and the home ministers. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation will be after 1 p.m. on Saturday and all day Sundayat the family residence, 4355 W. 350S, Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury is in charge of arrangements.

Phyllis Enfield

PLEASANT LAKE — Phyllis I. Enfield, 82, of Pleasant Lake died Tuesday, Jan. 11, 2011, at Northern Lakes & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

She was a registered nurse and had worked at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne and Cameron Hospital in Angola for a total of 37 years.

She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church in Angola and the Steuben County Women's Club.

She was born June 22, 1928, in Pleasant Lake to Ray and Inez (Anstett) Enfield.

Surviving are two nephews, Jeff and Deb Wolf of Valparaiso and Gordon and Nancy Wolf of Salt Lake City, Utah; and a brother-in-law, Dean Wolf of Pleasant Lake.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Maxine Wolf; and a brother, Leo Enfield.

No services are planned.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

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Penny Maynard

LIGONIER — Penny Sue Maynard, 61, of Ligonier died at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, January 13, 2011, at her residence following a long and courageous battle with cancer.

Mrs. Maynard had moved to the area in 1970 from Muncie.

She was a dedicated homemaker.

Mrs. Maynard

She was a member of the Ligonier Church of the Nazarene.

Mrs. Maynard enjoyed crocheting many different things for her family. She was volunteer cook at the Community Table. She also enjoyed visiting lighthouses. Above all, she loved to spend time with her family whom she loved dearly.

She was born February 15, 1949, in Muncie to Russell and Mary Jane (Shaw) Hahn. She married Duane Maynard Sr. on July 29, 1971. He survives in Ligonier.

Also surviving are her six children, Lori (Elaezar) Carranza of North Carolina, Duane Jr. (Shearlynn) Maynard of Lakeland, Fla., Angela (Eric) Thompson of Lakeland, Fla.; Pamela Rodriguez of Syracuse, Diana Landeros of Ligonier and Debra Holms of Ligonier; 19 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Peggy (Bub) Frazier of Lansing, Mich., Mariea (Ray) Coe of Columbia City and Kathy McGuire of Warsaw.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, William Hahn; and one grandson.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, January 17, 2011, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with the Rev. John Lutton officiating. Burial is in Eden Cemetery, Topeka.

Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday, January 16, 2011, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Goshen Cancer Center, 1926 W. Lincoln Ave., Goshen, IN 46526.

Thomas Troxell

MONTGOMERY, Mich. — Thomas A. Troxell, 62, of Montgomery died Friday, Jan. 14, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mr. Troxell had been employed at Mitchell Lumber Co. in Montgomery and was the manager at Fremont Lumber. He had also worked at Dana Corp. in Angola, Ind., for 18 years and at Indiana Marine Products for 10 years.

He was a 1967 graduate of Camden-Frontier High School.

Mr. Troxell served in the U.S. Army in Viet Nam where he received two Bronze Stars.

He was a member and former commander of the Reading American Legion Post 360 and a member of the VFW. He was also a member of Camden United Methodist Church.

He was born Jan. 25, 1948, in Marion, Ind., to Homer and Virginia (Stephenson) Troxell. He married Karen Word on June 23, 1968. She survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Becky (Jim) Weber of Pioneer, Ohio; a son, Tim (Melodie) Troxell of Montgomery; a sister, Marjorie (Amos) Skelly Corunna, Ind.; four grandchildren, Brandon, Jordan, Joel and Kenzie; and his mother, Virginia Robbins Camden.

He was preceded in death by his father,Homer Troxell, and his stepfather who raised him, Ralph Robbins.

Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday at the George White Funeral Home in Reading, with interment following in Billingstown Cemetery, Williams County, Ohio.

Visitation is scheduled for Sunday from 2-5 p.m.

Memorials are suggested to the Williams County Memorial Veterans Building.

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Lucille Forker

ALBION — Lucille Ellen (Shultz) Forker, 90, died Jan. 15, 2011, at 6:45 a.m. at her home in Albion. She had been declining in health for the past few months.

She was born on the family farm in Jefferson Township, Noble County, and was the daughter of the late Marvin and Clara "Dot" (Herron) Shultz. Mrs. Forker spent her entire life in Albion, and was a graduate of Albion High School in the Class of 1938.

Mrs. Forker

On Jan. 17, 1942, she married Kenneth Earl Forker in Albion. He preceded her in death on December 22, 2000.

Lucille was co-owner, along with her husband, of Forker Excavating in Albion since 1946. She was the bookkeeper and did most of the office work for the business. She continued to be involved with the business until her death.

Lucille was a very active member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion and worked many years as a Red Cross volunteer.

She was a member of the Prentiss Chapter 178 Order of the Eastern Star and the Albion Progress Club.

Aunt Cile will be missed by all who loved her.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Linda Shultz of Albion, and many nieces and nephews that were very dear to her heart.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, a brother, Russell Shultz, and a sister, Irene (Chet) Reid.

Funeral services for Mrs. Forker will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion. Burial will follow in Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling will be on Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Calling also will be one hour prior to the funeral on Wednesday at the church. An Order of Eastern Star service will be conducted by the Prentiss Chapter at 8 p.m.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Condolences may be left at brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Irma Pratt

EGE — Irma L. Hollis Pratt, 94, of Ege, died Saturday, Jan.15, 2011 at the Parkview Noble Community Hospital in Kendallville.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4: and 6-8 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel. The Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege. Father Bernard Ramenaden will officiate.

A full obituary will appear in Monday's paper.

Kathy Hulbert

ST. JOE — Kathy L. Hulbert, 59, of St. Joe, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011, at her home.

She was born on July 26, 1951, in Fort Wayne to William and Norma Gaspar.

She was a graduate of Elmhurst High School and a retired LPN from the Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Kathy enjoyed spending time with family, her pets and antiquing.

Kathy married Steve Hulbert on July 26, 2001, and he survives.

Also surviving are her mother, Norma Gaspar of Fort Wayne, a brother, Bill (Maureen) Gaspar of Roanoke, a sister, Patricia Stark of Fort Wayne, her sisters-in-law, Marsha (Ken) Henry of Avilla, Carolyn Trowbridge of Loveland, Colo., and Darlynne Hulbert of Butler, her brothers-in-law, Robert (Nan) Hulbert of Butler, Bill (Cathy) Hulbert of Butler, and Duane Hulbert of Butler.

She was preceded in death by her father, William Gaspar.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the Butler Christian Assembly of God Church. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery, Newville.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-7 p.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, and one hour prior to funeral services at the church.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Humane Shelter or the family.

Condolences may be left at hejohnsonfh.com.

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Marilyn Miller

LAGRANGE — Marilyn B. Miller, 81, of LaGrange, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Miller had lived most of her life in LaGrange County. She was retired from the LaGrange County Welfare Department where she had worked as a bookkeeper from 1946-1950 and 1960-1994.

Mrs. Miller

A member of St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange, she was a former member of the Altar and Rosary Sodality of the church and the Tri Kappa Sorority of LaGrange.

Mrs. Miller was born on March 7, 1929, in Payne, Ohio, to Michael P. and Eva V. (McGrew) Brady.

On Jan. 14, 1950, in LaGrange, she married Richard E. Miller and he survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and Gary Harp of Indianapolis; a son and daughter-in-law, Phillip "Yogi" and Lynnelle Miller of LaGrange; nine grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Edwin Beiser of LaGrange.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Michael and Eva Brady; a son, Michael R. Miller on June 25, 2001; and a brother, Richard P. Brady on Feb. 6, 2009.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church in LaGrange, with the Rev. Andrew Martinez and the Rev. Paul Faroh officiating. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. on Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, with a rosary service at 7:30 p.m.

Memorials are to Masses at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Condolences may be left at fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Harold Fairchild

COLUMBIA CITY — Harold O. Fairchild Sr., 74, of rural Columbia City, died Thursday, Jan. 13, 2011, at 6:07 p. m., at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco.

Calling will be Tuesday from 1-4 and 6-8 p. m., at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco or after 10 a.m. Wednesday. The Rosary will be recited at 8 p. m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Whitley County Community Foundation, 400 N. Whitley Street, Columbia City, IN 46725.

Thomas Jones

CUT BANK, Mont. — Thomas Carteaux Jones, 73, died Jan. 5, 2011, at Peace Hospice in Great Falls, Mont., after losing his battle with cancer.

A former local businessman and city councilman, he was an insurance agent with R.L. Jones Insurance Agency in Kendallville. He was a retired electric lineman in Cut Bank, Mont.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1955.

On Jan. 16, 1960, he married Diane L. Borst in Kendallville. She survives in Cut Bank.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Douglas and Christi Jones of Cut Bank; a daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen and Mark Smith of Absarokee, Mont.; a daughter, Gena Jones of Corvallis, Mont.; and four grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ronald and Josephine Jones, and a sister, Deanna Jones.

At his request, there were no services.

Schnider Funeral Home in Great Falls, Mont., handled the arrangements.

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B. Darlene Dixon

KENDALLVILLE — God received another angel on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011.

Mrs. Dixon

B. Darlene Dixon, 69, of Kendallville passed away at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Dixon was a homemaker. She was a well-loved member of the Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church, Lisbon. She dearly enjoyed her grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Darlene was born June 16, 1941, in Brimfield to Tony and Faye (Ackerman) Huff. She married her childhood sweetheart, Lee Dixon on July 19, 1957, in Brimfield. He survives in Kendallville.

In their 53 years of marriage, they were blessed with two daughters and one son, Edna (Roger) Purk of Luckey, Ohio, Patty (Jason) Price of Kendallville, and Lee (Sherry) Dixon, Jr. of Kendallville; six grandchildren, Aimee Miller, Joey Rugg, Mark Ley Jr., Chrissy Cope, Toni Cain, and Cody Dixon; nine great-grandchildren; three sisters, Claudette Mawhorter of Avilla, Nancy (Ollie) Kemplin of LaOtto, Linda Mitchell of West Virginia; and a brother, Ed (Lois) Huff of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Jack Huff; a sister, Patricia Huff; and two brothers-in-law, Jack Mawhorter and Sonny Mitchell.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. in the Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church with ministers of the church officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery near Brimfield.

Casketbearers will be Jason Price, Joey Rugg, Mark Ley Jr., Cody Dixon, Chris Miller, and Ryan Cope.

Calling will be at the church today from 4-8 p.m. and Monday from 2-6 p.m. with an evening service at 6 p.m.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Gary Tucker

CORUNNA — Gary Tucker, 64, of Corunna, died Saturday at home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Lori Ramey

FORT WAYNE — Lori K. Ramey, 53, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2011 at her home in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Ramey

She was born on Aug. 11, 1957, in Kendallville to Richard L. and Janice (Emerick) Anderson.

She was a graduate of Prairie Heights High School.

Lori was employed by Premiere Food Service. She was a member of Anchor Community Church.

Survivors include her mother, Janice Anderson of Fort Wayne; a son, Travis L. (Jennifer) Ramey of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Melissa A. Ramey of Fort Wayne; a brother, Steve Anderson of Florida; and two sisters, Jane Smith of LaGrange and Lisa Anderson of Albion.

She was preceded in death by her father and two brothers, Stan Anderson and Dave Anderson.

Private funeral servies will be held. Burial will be in Brushy Chapel Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be Monday from 4-7 p.m. at the Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Condolences may be left at dalejohnsonfh.com.

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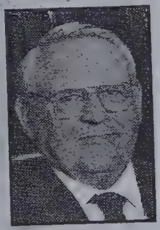
Leonard Smith

WATERLOO — Leonard W. Smith, 89, of Waterloo, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Smith was a lifelong Wilmington Township farmer. He also worked for 17 years as superintendent of the Angola sub-district of the Indiana State Highway Department and four years for the DeKalb County Surveyor's Office.



Mr. Smith

He was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church.

He served on the DeKalb County Commissioners Board for four years, the Wilmington Township Advisory Board for 12 years, and the DeKalb County Sheriff's Merit Board for eight years.

He liked to travel and make friends where ever he went, but most of all, he liked to go fishing. Leonard also did a lot of gardening and woodworking, and his pleasure was building things and growing fruit and vegetables, and then giving them all away.

Annabel would say, "Leonard, why do you always bring me in all of the little things from the garden, and give all the nice stuff away?" That was who Leonard was!

He was born March 21, 1921, on the family farm in Wilmington Township, DeKalb County, to Walter and Eva (Souder) Smith. They both preceded him in death.

He married Annabel L. Deetz on June 28, 1941, in the Waterloo United Brethren Church. She passed away May 6, 1998.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Philip E. and Shannon Smith of Butler, and Craig A. and Kathy Smith of Waterloo; a daughter, Carolyn Sue Jackson of Fishers; seven grandchildren, Jamie Moreland, Misty Pursley, Mary Ann Vazquez, Walter Smith, Betsy Braun, Todd Craig, and Christopher Craig; 11 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Rachel Grogg of Waterloo, and Lusina McNall of Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with the Rev. David Mathews officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit fellerandclark.com.

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Ardell Cleland

ORLANDO, Fla. — Ardell L. (Hardy) Cleland, 97, died on Jan. 11, 2011, in Orlando Hospital South, Orlando, Fla., after a short illness. Her son, Robert Hardy Cleland, and daughter-in-law, Paula, were at her side.

Mrs. Cleland

She was born to Carl A. Hardy and Gail Hardy of Hudson, Ind., on May 7, 1913, and was a graduate of Pleasant Lake High School. In 1935, after graduation from the University of Michigan, she moved to St. Clair, Mich. She was well-known and much-loved as a music teacher in the St. Clair, and later Port Huron, Mich. school districts. She married Delmer L. Cleland of St. Clair, in Angola on Aug. 8, 1942.

Ardell was a member of First Congregational Church of Port Huron for more than 50 years. She also was an avid golfer and a longtime member of the Port Huron Golf Club where she continued to play occasionally even in her 96th summer. In her retirement, her three granddaughters, Carrie, Christina, and Kathryn, quickly became the focus of her life. She was a remarkable and devoted grandmother who delighted in being a companion and entertainer for them, and was above all a wonderful role model. Her summer home, the scene of many sleepovers and "dress-up" parties, was but a short walk away. The arrival of great-grandchildren added even more pleasure to her later years. Ardell's knowledge and memory, both historic and recent, were extraordinary. Her unusual stamina and cheerful attitude persisted through the many decades of her life. Until the day before her death she lived independently at either her summer home in Port Huron, Mich., or her seasonal residence in Winter Park, Fla.

In addition to her son, daughter-in-law, and their three daughters, Mrs. Cleland is survived by four great-grandchildren; her brother, Gordon Hardy (Lillian) of New York City; and her sister, Marjorie Gilbert, widow of Col. Lawrence Gilbert, originally of Pleasant Lake, and more recently of Winter Park, Fla.

She was predeceased by her husband in 1983, and by her brother Robert B. Hardy, and sister-in-law Helen, of Hudson.

A private family service has been held and cremation has taken place at the Collison Funeral Home in Winter Park.

A memorial service is planned for late spring 2011 in Port Huron, Mich.

For those wishing to make a memorial contribution, the family suggests consideration of the First Congregational Church of Port Huron, Mich., or the St. Clair County Community Foundation.

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Homer Shultz

WOLCOTVILLE — Local businessman, Homer I. Shultz, 87, of Wolcottville died unexpectedly Saturday, January 15, 2011, in his residence.

Mr. Shutz

Mr. Shultz, a lifetime area resident, was the owner and operator of the Wolcottville Grain Company in Wolcottville for 65 years.

He was a member of the Wolcottville Lions Club and attended Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church. He obtained his pilot's license and enjoyed flying his own airplaine. He was a Boy Scout leader in Wolcottville for a number of years.

He was born April 16, 1923, in Howe to Irvin and Edna (Young) Shultz. In July of 1947, he married Gladys J. Wells. She preceded him in death on February 9, 1964. He then married Norma E. Hayward on December 18, 1965.

Surviving are his wife, Norma E. Shultz of Wolcottville; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Margaret and Daniel F. Troyer of LaGrange and Betty and Walter Ibbotson of Lakewood, Colorado; three sisters-in-law, Juen Shultz of Angola, Regate Shultz of Howe, and Miriam Shultz of Wolcottville; a brother-in-law, Virgil Waltz of South Bend; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three brothers, William Shultz, Allen Shultz, and Ralph Shultz; and a sister, Kathryn Waltz.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, January 19, 2011, at 2:30 p.m. in the Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville, with Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Honorary pallbearers will be Bobby Nicholas and Tom Shultz. Active pallbearers will be Rex Shultz, Gale Shultz, Tim Shultz, Mark Shultz, Blake Shultz, Andy Green, and Jeremy Green.

Calling is Tuesday, January 18, 2011, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church or to the Boy Scouts.

View a video tribute after Tuesday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Lee Kropp

WOLCOTTVILLE — Mrs. Lee Kropp of Adams Lake, near Wolcottville, died Sunday night, Jan. 16, 2011, at her home.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Donald Dukes

KENDALLVILLE — Donald Dukes died Sunday night, Jan. 16, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Donald Matson

KENDALLVILLE — Donald Oscar Matson, 80, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Matson was born in Pleasant Lake on Feb. 26, 1930, to the late Oscar Lewis and Vella Imo (Metzler) Matson.

He worked at Foundations in Albion since 1983. He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

Survivors include his brother and sister-in-law, Clark and Annabelle Matson of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, James Matson and Richard Matson, and sisters, Jeanette Gordon and Marjorie Saurer.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville. Officiating will be the Rev. Thomas A. Dunbar. Burial will be at Pleasant Lake Cemetery in Pleasant Lake.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Gary Tucker

CORUNNA — Gary LaWayne Tucker, 64, of Corunna, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011, at his residence.

Mr. Tucker

Mr. Tucker was born in Kendallville on Aug. 27, 1946, to Jesse and Hazel B. (Frain) Tucker Samples.

He married Dorla Kay Smith on April 15, 1967 in LaGrange.

He was employed with Federal-Mogul in Avilla for 14 years. He also owned and operated Tucker Tree Service for more than 30 years. He was a member of the Beacon Baptist Church in Kendallville and the Sons of the American Legion Post 381 in Rome City.

Surviving are his wife, Dorla Tucker of Corunna; two daughters and sons-in-law, Tracy and John Burns of Connersville and Tanya and Terry Kryder of Waterloo; one granddaughter; his mother, Hazel Tucker Samples of Kendallville; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Colleen and Philes VanSchoyck of Bulan, Ky., and Tresha Kelley of Kendallville; six brothers and a sister-in-law, Donald Tucker of Peru, James Dawson Tucker of Kendallville, Dowine and Jane Tucker of Rome City, Randy Tucker of Columbia City, Dustin Tucker and Richard Tucker, both of Kendallville; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jesse Tucker, in 1977; two sisters, LaVancha Tucker and Rilla Tucker; and a brother, Marion Tucker.

Services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at Beacon Baptist Church, 1511 West Drake Road, Kendallville, with an hour of calling before the service. Officiating will be Pastor Ron Stratman. Burial will be at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials may be made to to his family.

Casketbearers will be Don Wicker, Chan Ng, Chuck Tucker, Richard Tucker, Ed Smith and Webb Pierce.

Arrangements are by Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville. Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Jerry McGuire

CHURUBUSCO — Jerry L. McGuire, 62, of rural Churubusco died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2011, at 4:19 a. m. at the family residence in Smith Township.

Services will be Friday at 10 a.m. at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Greg Smith, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, officiating.

Calling will be Thursday from 3-8 p. m. at the funeral home. Interment will be in Blue River Cemetery, Whitley County.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., #200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Irma Pratt

EGE — Irma L. Hollis Pratt, 94, of Ege, died Jan. 15, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Pratt

She was born Sept. 21, 1916, in Fort Wayne to the late Andrew and Mary (Guiff) Hollis.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege and lived and worked on the family farm near Ege.

Survivng are her daughters and sons-in-law, Diana and Phil Boyer of Kendallville, Georgia and Charles McDonald of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Howard and Kitten Pratt of Wolcottville; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and 5 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, George B. Pratt, and her parents.

Services will be Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege. Father Bernard Ramenaden will celebrate the mass.

Burial will follow the mass at the Ege Cemetery.

Visitation will be today, Monday, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Avilla Chapel. The Rosary will be recited at 8 p.m.

Memorials are to Masses or to Saint Mary's Catholic School in Avilla.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book, go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

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Marlena Anderson

AUBURN — Marlena Ann Anderson, 64, died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011, at her home in Auburn.

Mrs. Anderson

Mrs. Anderson was a homemaker. She was a member of Lakewood Park Baptist Church in Auburn and was an RSVP volunteer.

She gave lessons in crocheting. Her hobbies include knitting, crocheting, sewing, and collecting dolls. She was a wonderful baker, specializing in bread. She also loved making friends.

She was born March 4, 1946, in Bertis, Kentucky, to Homer Duff and Lou Ann (Donohue) McGuire. Her mother survives in Winchester, Kentucky.

She married George T. Anderson on Jan. 8, 1973, in Auburn. He survives.

Also surviving are three brothers, Philip G. Duff of Auburn, Roy Houston Griggs and his companion, Mary, of Morehead, Kentucky, and David Wayne Williams of Alabama; and her caregiver, Kay Handshoe of Auburn.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Clare Jewell and the Rev. Russ Howard officiating.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

A graveside service will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday at Ginter Cemetery in Menifee County, Kentucky.

Memorials may be directed to the Lakewood Park Baptist Church.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Karlene Wilson

FORT WAYNE — Karlene (Hewitt) Wilson, 52, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Butler died Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011, at her home in Fort Wayne.

Ms. Wilson

Ms. Wilson worked for Universal Tool & Stamping Co. in Butler for 22 years. She was a 1976 graduate of Eastside High School.

She was born July 20, 1958, in Auburn.

Surviving are her mother, Bonnie (Carper) Hopkins of St. Joe; a daughter, Misty Wilson of Eight Mile, Ala.; two sons, Travis Wilson of Fort Wayne and Michael Wilson of Fort Wayne; three grandchildren; a brother, Steven Hewitt of Orlando, Fla.; five sisters and brothers-in-law, Rollene Hewitt of Butler, Brenda and Greg West of St. Joe, Roxanne and Earl Goldsmith of St. Joe, Jennifer Poper of Butler and Dawn McDonald of Kendallville; three stepsisters and spouses, Melena and Homer Zartman of Hope, Ark., Melissa Hopkins of Kaufman, Texas, and Melinda and Dave Cannady of Butler; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her father, Roland Hewitt, and her stepfather, Max Hopkins.

Services will be at 5 p.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with Pastor Allen Fugate officiating.

Calling will be from 3-5 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family in care of Bonnie Hopkins, P.O. Box 93, St. Joe, IN 46785.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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illian Kropp

WOLCOTTVILLE — Lillian J. "Lee" Kropp, age 57, of Wolcottville died on Sunday, January 16, 2011, at her Adams Lake home.

Mrs. Kropp

Mrs. Kropp was born in Lansing, West Virginia, on June 16, 1943, to Eldon O. Hawkins and Nona J. (Bickford) Hawkins.

She married David L. Kropp on January 8, 1972. He survives in Wolcottville.

Lee was the secretary and treasurer of Kropp Insurance Agency in Kendallville from 1987 until 2008.

She was a member of the Messiah Lutheran Church near Wolcottville and the LaGrange American Legion Post # 215 Auxillary.

Mrs. Kropp enjoyed knitting, reading, fishing and spending time with her family and grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, David Kropp of Adams Lake; three sons, Michael N. Duer of Wolcottville, Steve and Vonda Duer of Autryville, North Carolina and Joel D. Kropp of Kendallville; her grandchildren, Kandace Duer of Autryville, Andrea Bova of Autryville, Bradley M. Duer of Fort Wayne, and Sarah R. Kropp and Allison L. Kropp all of Kendallville; her great-grandchildren, Evelyn Bova and Lillian Bova; her sister, Delores and John Violet of Springfield, Ohio; and her brother, Thomas E. Hawkins of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three sisters, Betty Osmun, Della Lauer and Linda Dickerson; and two brothers, Clifford Wood and Eldon Ray Hawkins.

Visitation will be Thursday, January 20, 2011, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, January 21, 2011, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Wolcottville. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. James Tews.

Preferred memorials may be made to Messiah Lutheran Church or Indiana Lions Cancer Control.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Lillian by Thursday, January 20, 2011, at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Donald Dukes

KENDALLVILLE — Donald C. Dukes, age 82, of Kendallville died on Sunday, January 16, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages.

Mr. Dukes was born in Kendallville on July 28, 1928, to the late Chester Dukes and Zelma Adela (Budd) Dukes.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1946 and served his country in the United States Army for two years during the Korean War.

Don worked in the office at Flint & Walling in Kendallville since age 16 and at Puritan Ice Cream.

He enjoyed photography and music and played the piano by ear.

Survivors include two sisters, Shirley Smith of Kendallville and Cleo Hanes of Kendallville; his nephews, Lt. Col. Gary Smith (Pat) of Kendallville, Kevin Smith (Krista) of Rolling Prairie, Indiana, Craig Smith (Julia) of Kendallville and Daniel Hanes of Mishawaka; four great-nephews; three great-nieces; one great-great-niece; and two half brothers, Douglas Dukes of Milford and Dennis Dukes, M.D., of Georgia.

He was preceded in death by parents; two brother-in-laws, Bernard Smith in 2005 and Harold Hanes Jr. in 2002; and a nephew, Steven Hanes in 1990

A private celebration of his life will be held at a later date. There will be no visitation.

Burial will take place this week at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Noble Transit Service or the Humane Society.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a Condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Richard Niese

LEIPSIC, Ohio — Richard Vincent "Dick" Niese, 72 of Leipsic died Monday, Jan. 17, 2011, at is residence.

Mr. Niese

Mr. Niese was the owner of Niese Excavating in Leipsic.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Leipsic and its Holy Name Society. He was also a member of the St. Mary's Cemetery Association and a 3rd Degree member of the Ottawa Knights of Columbus.

He was born July 30, 1938, in Leipsic to Norbert and Florence (Kleman) Niese. On January 23, 1960, he married Eileen Schroeder, who survives in Leipsic.

Also surviving are his children: Jane (Mark) Ellerbrock of Columbus Grove, Connie Niese of Leipsic, Kathy (Mark) Walter of Garrett, Ind., Julie (Scott) Ellerbrock of Ottawa, and Gary (Jane) Niese of Leipsic; nine grandchildren; two brothers, Virgil (Margaret) Niese of Leipsic and Joe (JoAnn) Niese of Ottawa; and four sisters, Betty (Don) Recker of Glandorf, Leoma (Harold) Balbaugh of Miller City, Agnes (Bob) Maag of Glandorf, and Margaret Warnecke of Columbus Grove.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday at St. Mary's Catholic Church, Leipsic, with Father George Wenzinger officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery.

Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. today and from 2 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Love-Heitmeyer Funeral Home in Leipsic where a Knights of Columbus ceremony and Rosary will be held at 8 p.m. today.

Memorials are to Putnam County Hospice or the St. Mary's Cemetery Association.

Condolences may be sent to www.lovefuneralhome.com.

Betty Parker

WATERLOO — Betty J. Parker, 70, of Waterloo died Monday, January 17, 2011, in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mrs. Parker

She was born in Sneedville, Tenn., on September 9, 1940, to Morgan and Ruth (Collins) Hopkins. They have both passed away.

Betty was a nurse working at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn and Butler Health Care in Butler.

She married Austin Parker in 1987 in Butler and he survives.

She is also survived by five sons, Randy Shaffer of Bryan, Ohio, Ricky Rapp of Bryan, Ohio, Sam Shaffer of Corunna, James L. Marks Jr. of Waterloo and Mark A. Marks Sr. of Butler; 13 grandchildren, Larry Shaffer, Jessica Shaffer, Kathryn Shaffer, Mark Marks Jr., Carrie Marks, Betty L Degraw, Bailey Marks, Paige Marks, Brianna Day, Dizirae Day, Jessica Treesh, Jason Treesh and Jeff Treesh; three great-grandchildren, Bryce Samuel Shaffer, Dayton Cope and Shelbey Cope; and three brothers and a sister, Mitch Hopkins of Butler, Raymond Hopkins of Butler, Jimmy Hopkins of Butler and Peggy Kuhn of Hamilton.

Betty was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Tina M. DeGraw; five brothers, Jeff Hopkins Taylor Hopkins, Ronny Hopkins, Max Hopkins and Tony Hopkins; a sister, Pam Hopkins; and a grandson, Morgan DeGraw.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, January 20, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn.

Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe, Ind.

Calling is three hours prior to the service from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

To view an obituary or send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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William Adamo

KENDALLVILLE — William Patrick Adamo, age 71, of Kendallville died on Sunday, January 16, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Adamo

Mr. Adamo was born in Youngstown, Ohio, on February 6, 1939, to Vito Adamo and Anna (Moscarelli) Adamo. They preceded him in death.

He graduated from Woodrow Wilson High School in Youngstown, Ohio in 1957.

Mr. Adamo honorably served his country in the United States Army as a tank mechanic from 1958 to 1964.

He was a truck driver for most of his life and during that time was a member of the teamsters.

Mr. Adamo was a founding member of the Road Knights Car Club of Youngstown, Ohio.

Surviving are son and daughter-in-law, William Joseph and Ronda Lynn Adamo of Garrett; a daughter and her companion, Julie Ann Akerman and Karl Schrock of Rome City; a grandson, Sebastian Vito Adamo of Garrett; a grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Jacob Scott and Latisha Akerman of Hicksville, Ohio; a granddaughter, Marisa Lee Akerman of Fort Wayne; a sister and brother-in-law, Josephine and Marty Teutsch of Austintown, Ohio; a brother, Patrick Adams of Austintown, Ohio; and a stepson, Michael Boyer of Caribou, Maine

He was preceded in death by his parents

Private memorial services will be held at a later date.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Rodney Hunter

LAGRANGE — Rodney A. Hunter, 67, of LaGrange, died Monday, January 17, 2011, at his home.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Juanita Yoder

COLUMBIA CITY — Juanita V. Imler Yoder, 86, a former resident of Washington Township in Whitley County, and more recently of Valparaiso, died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2011 at Porter County Hospital in Portage.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011 at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with burial in the Prairie Grove Cemetery, Waynedale.

Calling will from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday, Jan. 21, 2011, or one hour prior to services at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Churubusco Church of the Nazarene Frontline Ministries, 1000 W. Whitley St., Churubusco IN 46723.

THE NEWS SUN
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Sharon Roberson

CHURUBUSCO — Sharon Kay Roberson, 61, of Churubusco died Sunday, Jan. 16, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday at Believer's Bible Fellowship in Churubusco.

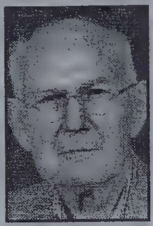
Funeral services will be at 12:30 p.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will be in Eel River Cemetery.

Memorials are to Parkview Foundation, 2200 Randallia Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46805 or Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., No. 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of arrangements.

John Mowry

FREMONT — John Paul Mowry, 91, of Fremont and formerly of New Haven died Sunday, January 16, 2011, at his home with his family by his side.


Mr. Mowry

Born in DeKalb County, he was the son of the late Daniel and Mary Mowry.

He was a member of the New Haven United Methodist Church.

The Army Air Corp veteran served his country in WWII and retired in 1981 from Fruehauf after 35 years of service.

He is survived by his children, John (Linda) Mowry of Fremont, Marge (Roger) Lewis of Fort Wayne, and Patti (Lynn) Miller of New Haven; his brothers, Wayne (Esther) Mowry of Wolf Lake, George Mowry of Waterloo, and Bud (Marty) Mowry of Angola; his grandchildren, Angie, Sarah, Paul, Joanna, Alicia, Simeon, Micah, Titus, Lydia, Silas, Hannah, and Susanna; and three great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his wife, Mary Mowry in 2000; and siblings, Nelson Mowry, Treva Bodey and Louise Rosenberry.

Funeral service is at 10 a.m. Thursday, January 20, 2011, at New Haven United Methodist Church, 630 Lincoln Highway East, New Haven, with calling one hour prior. Pastor Rick Taylor officiating.

Calling is also from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, January 19, 2011, at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S.R. 930 E., New Haven.

Burial is in I.O.O.F. Cemetery, New Haven.

Preferred memorials are to your local area hospice.

Send condolences to www.harperfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Michael Henry

KENDALLVILLE — Michael Henry, age 61, of Kendallville died on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Henry

Mr. Henry was born in Kendallville on May 25, 1949, to John D. Henry and Phyllis L. (Skiles) Henry. His mother survives.

He is a graduate of Ivy Tech in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Henry honorably served his country in the United States Marine Corps from 1967 to 1971 during the Vietnam War.

He worked for Noble County Co-Op in Albion for 13 years and then worked for 20 years at Copperfield in Avilla until 2008.

Mr. Henry was a member of the Kendallville VFW Post 2749.

He adored his family and worked hard for his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed spending time in his yard planting flowers and shrubs and tinkering in his shop. Mr. Henry also enjoyed decorating his house for Christmas and spending time with family and friends during the holidays.

Survivors include his wife, Paula Henry of Kendallville; four daughters, Melissa Henry of Kendallville, Melinda L. and John Delashmit of Waterloo, Miranda Vice of Auburn and Mistia Henry of Kendallville; one son, Michael Henry of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren, Destiny Collins, Elijah Delashmit, Shon Henry, Cassy Henry, Jack Henry, Autumn Vice, Raven Amburgey, Isaac Amburgey, Aryanna Rodenbeck and Madison Howey; his mother, Phyllis L. Nichols of Kendallville; four sisters, Sister Jennifer Henry of Mishawaka, Deborah and Kim Shoup of Angola, Andrea Brand of Kendallville and Mary and Steve Herendeen of Kendallville; three brothers, Daniel and Jozy Nichols of Fort Wayne, Christopher Nichols of Auburn and Scott Henry of Avilla; several nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his father; his stepfather, Donald W. Nichols; and one nephew, Joshua Boots.

A memorial service will be Friday, January 21, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Vinyard Christian Fellowship in Rome City.

Officiating the memorial service will be Pastor Steve Herendeen.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville at a later date.

Preferred memorials may be made to Heartland Home Health Care.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ella Allen

AUBURN — Ella Louise Allen, 68, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011, at her home.

Mrs. Allen

Mrs. Allen worked at Ball Brass and Aluminum Foundry in Auburn for 30 years before retiring in 1995.

She was a member of the Auburn Baptist Church.

She was born Feb. 10, 1942, in Jonesville, Va., to Lee and Lizzy (Barnes) Nida. She married Kenneth G. Allen in 1960 in Jonesville, Va., and he survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kathy Harris of Maryland; three sons, Jim Allen of Auburn, Ed (Annie) Allen of Hamilton and Ken (Holly) Allen of Auburn; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a brother, John (May) Nida of Pennington Gap, Va.; and three sisters, Pat (James) Miner of Louisville, Ky., Belva (David) Young of Sticklyville, Va., and Nora Fitts of Jonesville, Va.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Bill Nida, Burle Nida and James Robert Nida; and a sister, Annie Ingle.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn with the Rev. Kenny Queener and the Rev. Bill Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Auburn Baptist Church.

To view an obituary or send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Arthur Hawn

CROMWELL — Arthur W. "Bud" Hawn, 81, of Cromwell died at 7:35 p.m. Monday, January 17, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse following an extended illness.

Mr. Hawn

He was a lifelong area resident.

Mr. Hawn owned and operated Hawn Cabinet Shop for more than 40 years. He also worked at the Cromwell School for 16 years and at North Webster Elementary School for six years.

He retired from the Sparta Township Fire Department.

Mr. Hawn was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Cromwell, a former member of the Scottish Rite and a Shriner. He often drove children for health care to the hospital in Chicago.

He was born March 2, 1929, in Columbia City to George and Ethel (Smith) Hawn. He married Loretta Norris on April 17, 1948. She survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Peggy (Luther Nelson) Hawn of Cromwell and Lorenda (Ernest) Waggoner of Cromwell; a son, Robert "Spank" (Cara) Hawn of Cromwell; six grandchildren, Carrie Trim of Cromwell, Loretta Gates of Cromwell, Cody Hawn of Ligonier, Spencer Hawn of Avilla, Rachel Renea Waggoner of Cromwell and Michael Waggoner of Cromwell; three stepgrandchildren, Jessica, Matthew and Casey Jones of Cromwell; and two great-grandchildren, Trevor Sexton and Rachel Morgan Trim of Cromwell.

He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, January 21, 2011, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with celebrant Larry Baker officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Visitation will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday, January 20, 2011, at the funeral home with a Masonic service at 8 p.m. Thursday.

Memorial contribution may be made to Cromwell Masonic Lodge, P.O. Box 354, Cromwell, IN 46732 or Goshen Care at Home and Hospice, 1926 W. Lincoln Ave., Goshen, IN 46526.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Katelynn Masters

GARRETT — Katelynn Suzanne Masters, infant daughter of Jeremy and Stephanie (Bunn) Masters of Garrett, died Friday, Jan. 14, 2011.

A gathering of family and friends will be from 5-7 p.m. Friday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Memorials are to the family.

Leon Teegardin

ASHLEY — Leon D. Teegardin, 78, of Ashley died Monday, Jan. 17, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Teegardin was a postal carrier in Ashley and Hudson for 30 years. He also owned and operated Poverty Knob Game Farm in Ashley.

He was a U.S. Army Korean War veteran and a 1950 Hamilton High School graduate.

Mr. Teegardin was a Freemason in the Masonic Lodge.

He was born Feb. 5, 1932, in Hamilton to Preston and Lois (Eckert) Teegardin. He married Theresa Palowski in 1982 in Ashley and she survives.

Also surviving are a son, Eric Teegardin of Fort Wayne; a daughter, Monique (Mike) Arnold of Seymour; a brother, Owen Teegardin of Auburn; a sister, Gwen (Roger) Baker of Fremont; a brother-in-law Hank Krohn of Hamilton; and several grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Joan Krohn.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the Auburn Church of Christ, 18th and Jackson streets, Auburn, with Joe Heins officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Fairfield Cemetery in Corunna.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service at the church.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations to the Auburn Church of Christ.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to www.fellerandclark.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
January 19, 2011, Wednesday

N. Dean Beverly

LAGRANGE — N. Dean Beverly, 53, of LaGrange died Monday, January 17, 2011, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville.

William Murphy

SHIPSHEWANA — William Murphy, 65, of Shipshewana died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011, at his home.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Lillian Kropp

KENDALLVILLE — Funeral services for Lillian J. "Lee" Kropp, 67, of Wolcottville, will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Messiah Lutheran Church in Wolcottville.

Visitation will be Thursday from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville, and from 10-11 a.m. Friday prior to the service at the church.

Memorials are to Messiah Lutheran Church or Indiana Lions Cancer Control.

Mrs. Kropp died on Sunday, Jan. 16, 2011, at her Adams Lake home.

Bill Getz

Mr. Getz

LAGRANGE — Bill K. Getz, 85, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011, at his residence.

Mr. Getz had lived most of his life in LaGrange County.

He was a United States Army veteran serving in the Korean War.

Mr. Getz had worked at the former Cain Lumber Co.in Ontario, Ind., and as a mobile home repairman at John Brown's Mobile Home Repair in Keystone Heights, Fla.

He was a member of the LaGrange Church of God.

Mr. Getz was born Dec. 9, 1925, in Nappanee, Ind., to Roscoe and Marie (Sechrist) Getz. He married Esther Ruth Miller on Jan. 29, 1954, in LaGrange. She preceded him in death on March 14, 2003.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Sheila Getz of LaGrange and Michael and Belinda Getz of Keystone Heights, Fla.; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; a sister, Rosalee Craun of Fremont; and a brother, Jerry Getz of Summerton, S.C.

Also preceding him in death were his parents, three sisters and five brothers

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating. Burial will be in Fremont Cemetery in Fremont.

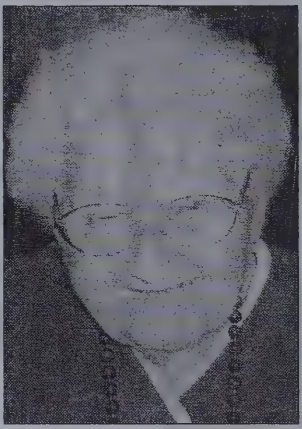
Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the LaGrange Church of God.

Condolences may be sent to www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 19, 2011, Wednesday

Goldie Alberta Dunkel, 90



Goldie Alberta Dunkel, age 90, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Dunkel was born in Kendallville on August 22, 1920 to the late Otto Hoffmyer and Mathella Belle (Maston) Miller.

She married Ernest Dale Dunkel and he preceded her death in 2000.

Goldie was a homemaker and member of the True Church of God In Jesus' Name in Lisbon.

Survivors include daughters, Alberta "Susie" and Ted Conley of Shipshewana, Elizabeth "Liz" and Ron Combs of Kendallville, and Waneta and Derwin Miller of Cape Coral, Florida; son, Ronald Dunkel of California; seven grandchildren, Jennifer Combs of Spiceland, Indiana, Jesse Douglas of Orland, Christina Combs of Kendallville and Eugene Nolan, Theresa Miller, Cindy Kyle, and Stacey Miller; two great-grandchildren, including Lillian Ruth Donley; and sister, Nancy Muncy of Indianapolis.

She was preceded in death by her son, David Dunkel; and sisters, Esther Bell and Doris Heileman.

Funeral services were Saturday, January 15, 2011 at the True Church of God In Jesus' Name on Old State Road 3 in Lisbon, Indiana.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Howard "Sonny" Stanley.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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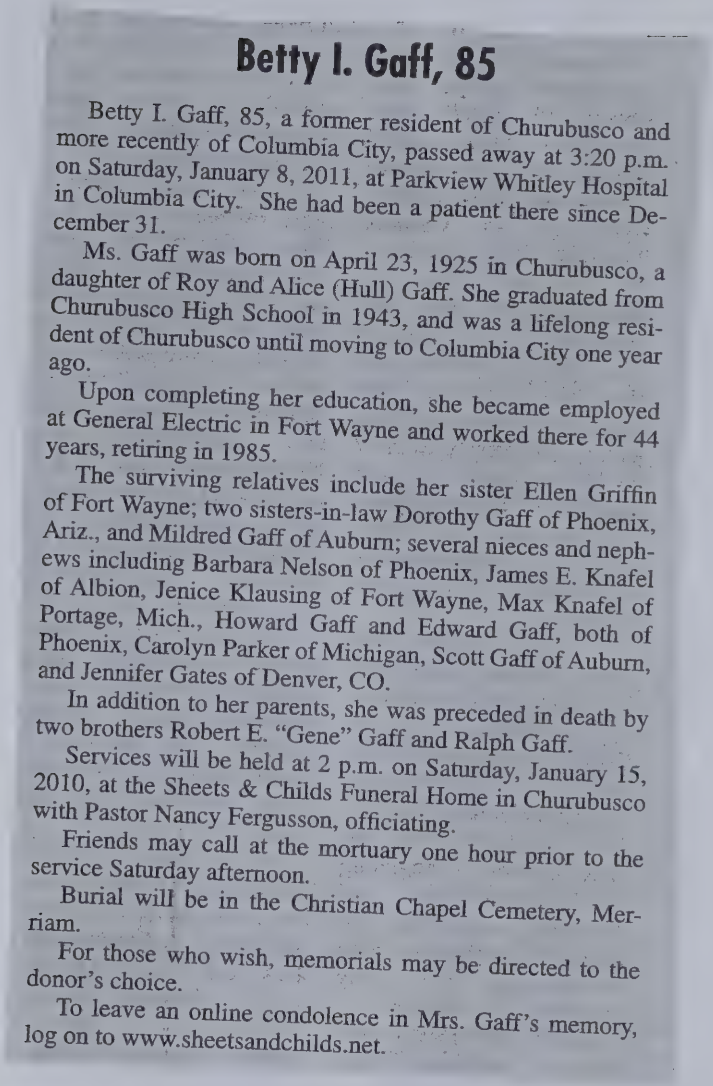

Betty I. Gaff, 85

Betty I. Gaff, 85, a former resident of Churubusco and more recently of Columbia City, passed away at 3:20 p.m. on Saturday, January 8, 2011, at Parkview Whitley Hospital in Columbia City. She had been a patient there since December 31.

Ms. Gaff was born on April 23, 1925 in Churubusco, a daughter of Roy and Alice (Hull) Gaff. She graduated from Churubusco High School in 1943, and was a lifelong resident of Churubusco until moving to Columbia City one year ago.

Upon completing her education, she became employed at General Electric in Fort Wayne and worked there for 44 years, retiring in 1985.

The surviving relatives include her sister Ellen Griffin of Fort Wayne; two sisters-in-law Dorothy Gaff of Phoenix, Ariz., and Mildred Gaff of Auburn; several nieces and nephews including Barbara Nelson of Phoenix, James E. Knafel of Albion, Jenice Klausing of Fort Wayne, Max Knafel of Portage, Mich., Howard Gaff and Edward Gaff, both of Phoenix, Carolyn Parker of Michigan, Scott Gaff of Auburn, and Jennifer Gates of Denver, CO.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers Robert E. "Gene" Gaff and Ralph Gaff.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 15, 2010, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Nancy Fergusson, officiating.

Friends may call at the mortuary one hour prior to the service Saturday afternoon.

Burial will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the donor's choice.

To leave an online condolence in Mrs. Gaff's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
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January 19, 2011, Wednesday

Lucille Ellen Forker, 90

Lucille Ellen (Shultz) Forker, age 90, died on January 15, 2011 at 6:45 a.m. at her home in Albion. She had been declining in health for the past few months.

She was born on the Family Farm in Jefferson Township, Noble County and was the daughter of the late Marvin and Clara "Dot" (Herron) Shultz. Mrs. Forker spent her enitre life in Albion, and was a graduate of Albion High School in the Class of 1938.

On January 17, 1942, she married Kenneth Earl Forker in Albion. He preceded her in death on December 22, 2000.

Lucille was co-owner along with her husband, of Forker Excavating in Albion since 1946. She was the bookkeeper and did most of the office work for the business. She continued to be involved with the business until her death.

Lucille was a very active member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion. She worked many years as a Red Cross Volunteer, and she was a member of the Prentiss Chapter 178 Order of the Eastern Star, and the Albion Progress Club.

Aunt Cille will be missed by all who loved her.

Surviving are a brother and sister-in-law, Dale and Linda Shultz of Albion; and many nieces and nephews that were very dear to her heart.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband, a brother, Russell Shultz; and a sister, Irene (Chet) Reid.

Funeral services for Mrs. Forker were Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion.

An Order of Eastern Star service was conducted by the Prentiss Chapter.

Burial followed at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

In lieu of flowers please make memorials to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book, go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Penny Sue Maynard, 61

Penny Sue Maynard, age 61, of Ligonier, passed away on January 13, 2011 after a long and courageous battle with cancer.

She was born on February 15, 2011 in Muncie, IN to Russell & Mary Jane (Shaw) Hahn. On July 29, 1971 she married Duane Maynard Sr.

Mrs. Maynard moved to the area in 1970, coming from Muncie, IN. She was a dedicated homemaker and a member of the Ligonier Church of the Nazarene. She enjoyed crocheting many different things for her family, volunteering to cook at the community table and traveling to visit lighthouses. Above all, she loved to spend time with her family whom she loved dearly.

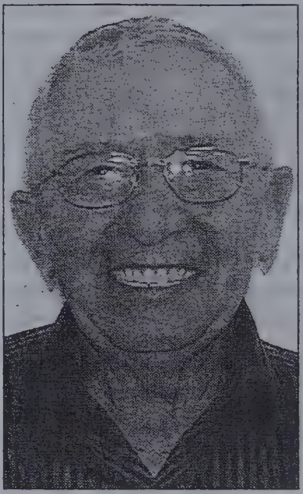
Survivors include her husband, Duane Maynard of Ligonier; six children, Lori (Eleazar) Carranza of North Carolina, Duane Jr. (Shearlynn) Maynard of Lakeland, FL, Angela (Eric) Thompson of Lakeland, FL, Pamela Rodriguez of Syracuse, Diana Landeros of Ligonier, Debra Holmes of Ligonier; 19 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; three sisters, Peggy (Bub) Frazier of Lansing, MI, Mariea (Ray) Coe of Columbia City, IN, Kathy McGuire of Warsaw, IN. She was preceded in death by her parents; one brother, William Hahn and one grandson.

A funeral service was held in her honor on Monday, January 17, 2011 at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767 with Reverend John Lutton officiating. Burial was in Eden Cemetery in Topeka, IN.

Memorial contributions are to Goshen Cancer Center, 1926 W. Lincoln Ave., Goshen, IN 46526.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 19, 2011, Wednesday

Harold O. Fairchild, Sr., 74



Harold O. Fairchild, Sr., 74, widely acquainted area contractor and a resident of rural Columbia City, passed away on Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 6:07 p.m., at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. He had been a patient there since Monday after suffering an apparent heart attack at his home.

Mr. Fairchild was born on November 15, 1936 in Huntington County, a son of Herbert R. and Myrtle L. (DeWitt) Fairchild. As a child he moved with his parents to rural Allen County. He spent his formative years there, and graduated from Jefferson Center High School in 1955.

On November 13, 1956 he was married in Roanoke to Adena Hyser. The couple lived in the Roanoke area for a period before moving to their present farm home in Smith Township in 1966.

He had previously worked at Zolner Piston in Fort Wayne, and for two years worked along with his brother at Fairchild Custom Butchering. From 1974 to 1980 he was the co-owner and operator of Fairchild & Hyser Contractors, and was the owner and operator of H. O. Fairchild & Sons, Inc. for 19 years, retiring in 1999. In addition to his work as a contractor, he raised cattle, and was engaged in farming in Smith Township.

He was a member of St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco and the American Pinzgauer Association.

The surviving relatives include his wife Adena, to whom he was married for over 54 years; his children Harold "Jack" (Jeannine) Fairchild, Jr. of Churubusco, Pam (Kevin) Pequignot of Columbia City, Brian (Christine) Fairchild of Albion, Brenda (Tom) Brumbaugh of Columbia City, and Adam (Maria) Fairchild of Churubusco; a sister Wanita Gerig of Woodburn; five brothers, Wayne Fairchild of Columbia City, Ronald (Pat) Fairchild of Bippus, John Shaw of Churubusco, William Shaw of Reidsville, NC, and Donald (Joan) Shaw of Mt. Airy, NC; 17 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his step-mother Mae Fairchild; a sister Carolyn Gilgen; and by four brothers, Robert Fairchild, Floyd Fairchild, William Fairchild, and Ray Shaw

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The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, January 19, 2011, at St. John Bosco Catholic Church in Churubusco with Father Daniel R. Leeuw, the celebrant.

The Rosary was recited at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Whitley County Community Foundation, 400 N. Whitley Street, Columbia City, IN 46725.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Fairchild's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

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Donna Jean Mumaw, 77

Donna Jean Mumaw, age 77, of Kendallville died on Monday, January 10, 2011 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Mumaw was born in Kendallville on November 8, 1933 to the late Carl Edwin and Iona Grace (Albaugh) Frederick.

She graduated from Avilla High School in 1951.

She was married to her first husband, Gene Acker, in July 1954 and he died in September 1972.

She later married Ernest William Mumaw, Jr. on December 10, 1993 in Kendallville and he also preceded her death August 31, 2003.

Donna was employed at the Rome City School and she worked in the cafeteria. She also worked at United Technology in Topeka and Colwell in Kendallville.

She was a member of the Eagles Lodge in Albion

Survivors include daughters; Rena and Keith Brown of Fort Wayne, Rhonda and Vern Ludy of rural Albion, son; Randy and Penny Acker of Kendallville, grandchildren; Christopher and Michele Ludy of Indianapolis, Jennifer Ludy of Albion, and Brandon Acker and Nathan Acker both of Hartford City, Indiana, great-grandchild; Benjamin Ludy of Indianapolis.

Funeral services were Thursday, January 13, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home with the Rev. Sam Weimer officiating.

Burial was at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery rural Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Riley Hospital for Children or Noble County Humane Shelter.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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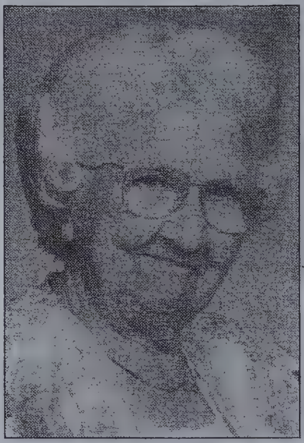
Irma L. Hollis Pratt, 94



Irma L. Hollis Pratt, 94, of Ege, passed away on January 15, 2011 at the Parkview Noble Community Hospital in Kendallville.

She was born on September 21, 1916 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to the late Andrew and Mary (Guiff) Hollis.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege and lived and worked on the family farm near Ege.

Survivng are her daughters, Diana (Phil) Boyer of Kendallville, Georgia (Charles) Mc Donald of Fort Wayne; and son, Howard (Kitten) Pratt of Wolcottville; nine grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 64 years, George B. Pratt and her parents.

Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Ege. Father Bernard Ramenaden celebrated the mass.

Burial followed the mass at the Ege Cemetery.

The Rosary was recited at 8:00 p.m.

The family requests memorials be made to Masses or to the Saint Mary's Catholic School in Avilla. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home and church.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book, go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Juanita V. Imler Yoder, 86

Juanita V. Imler Yoder, 86, a former resident of Washington Township in Whitley County and more recently of Valparaiso, went to be with her Lord on Sunday, January 16, 2011, in the emergency room at the Porter County Hospital in Portage. Although she had been in declining health, her death was unexpected.

Mrs. Yoder was born in Fort Wayne on May 12, 1924, a daughter of Clarence A. and Velma (Johnson) Seslar, and spent her formative years there. She was married in 1946 to Glenn E. Imler, and lived much of her adult life in Whitley County. He preceded her in death in 1972. She was then married in 1974 to Harold Yoder, who preceded her in death in 1994.

Juanita was known as a prayer warrior, and loved and cherished her family.

The surviving relatives include her daughters, Darlene (Wayne) Creech of Albion, Carol (Phillip) Hatfield of Lake Station, Janet (Dan) Castle of McKee, Ky., and Alice (Wayne) Troutman of Salt Lake City. There are ten grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husbands, she was preceded in death by a brother Donald Seslar; and a sister Ruth Keller.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, January 22, 2011, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Paul D. White, pastor of Churubusco Church of the Nazarene, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Friday from 4 to 8 p.m., or one hour prior to the service Saturday morning.

Interment will be in the Prairie Grove Cemetery, Waynedale.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Churubusco Church of the Nazarene Frontline Ministries, 1000 W. Whitley St., Churubusco, IN 46723.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Yoder's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
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January 19, 2011, Wednesday

Jerry L. McGuire, 62

Jerry L. McGuire, 62, a resident of rural Churubusco, passed away on Sunday, January 16, 2011 at 4:19 a. m. at the family residence in Smith Township. Although he had been in failing health since October, his death was unexpected.

Mr. McGuire was born on March 15, 1948 in Wolf Lake, a son of Carl and Pauline (Weidman) McGuire. He graduated from Churubusco High School in 1966, and was a lifelong resident of the Churubusco area.

He had served with the U.S. Army National Guard, was a member of American Legion Post 82 in Fort Wayne, and had retired 12 years ago from General Electric in Fort Wayne after 35 years of employment there. In addition, he had been engaged in farming in Smith Township all of his life, and was an avid fisherman.

On July 17, 1980 he was married in Fort Wayne to Judy (Bodigon) Holzinger. She survives.

Also surviving is a son, Stacy (Krista) Holzinger of Churubusco; three step-children, Walter (Trish) Gratz of Huntertown, and Pam (Chuck) Voors and Linda Mobley, both of Fort Wayne; his parents Carl and Pauline McGuire of Churubusco; a sister Patricia McGuire of Churubusco; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by a son Chad J. McGuire on January 27, 2008.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 21, 2011, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Greg Smith, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the mortuary from 3 to 8 p.m. on Thursday.

Interment will be in the Blue River Cemetery, Whitley County.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Avenue, #200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. McGuire's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
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January 19, 2011, Wednesday

Lucille Parker Steckley, 90

Lucille Parker Steckley, 90, of Pomona Park, passed away January 13, 2011 at Putnam Community Medical Center. She was born September 12, 1920 in LaPorte, Indiana to Eugene and Fern (Kimmel) Parker and grew up in Albion, Indiana. In 1938 she married John Steckley, who died in November 2007. She has resided in Florida since 1954, coming here from South Bend, Indiana.

She was a member of Pilgrim Congregational Church in Pomona Park and the American Legion Auxiliary in Keystone Heights. Her career in Putnam County included employment with the Palatka Daily News, Rodehavers Boy's Ranch, A&P Tea Company, Putnam Memorial Hospital, and the offices of Dr. Campbell and Dr. Weigel.

She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Larry and Linda Steckley of Green Cove Springs; her daughter and son-in-law, Kathleen Kay and Vernon Highley of River Villas, Satsuma; two granddaughters, Anita and her husband Robert Poehlman of Green Cove Springs, and Lisa and her husband, Henry Maldonado of Jacksonville; four great-grandchildren, Ashley Johnston, Patrick Garren, Brandon Geiger, and Nicole Maldonado all from Jacksonville; and numerous extended family members.

Funeral services were held Monday, January 17, 2011 at the Masters Funeral Home of Palatka. A memorial video was presented at the service.

Interment followed at Palatka Memorial Gardens.

Expressions of sympathy may be sent to Haven Hospice Roberts Care Center, 6400 St. Johns Avenue, Palatka, Rodehaver Boy's Ranch, 300 Boys Ranch Road, Palatka or the charity of your choice.

Messages of sympathy may be sent to mastersobit@hotmail.com.

Masters Funeral Home of Palatka is in charge of the arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 19, 2011, Wednesday

Roy Dale Hendricks, 84

Roy Dale Hendricks, 84, of Albion, died on Thursday, January 13, 2011 at 10:05 p.m. at the Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla. He had been in declining health for the last 6 months.

Mr. Hendricks was born on June 25, 1926 in Paxton, IL. to the late Jacob G. and Delia M. (Harriett) Hendricks. On December 13, 1952 in the Waynedale United Methodist Church he married Maxine Guenther. She preceded him in death on October 6, 1998.

Roy lived most of his life in the Albion area. He served his country in the U.S. Navy. He was a truck driver for many years, driving for Dexter Axle in Albion and for Flint and Walling in Kendallville. He also retired from the Pennslvania Railroad.

Roy was a longtime member of the Albion Fire Department, lifetime member of the Albion Eagles Lodge FOE # 2455 and Albion American Legion Post # 246. He enjoyed bowling, going to the fire station and camping at the Jellystone Park in Pierceton.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Dorothy and Darrell Lash of rural Kendallville; two sons, Mitchell K. Guenther of Centerville, Indiana and Donald Hendricks of Florida; four grandchildren, Michael Lash, Jason Lash, Nicholas Guenther and Amy Guenther; six great-grandchildren; a brother, Lloyd Hendricks of Decatur, IL.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, a brother, Clifford Hendricks and a sister, Helen Thomas.

Funeral Services were on Monday, January 17, 2011 at the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel.

Burial followed at the Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Active Pallbearers were members of the Albion Fire Department, Mitch Fiandt, Gregg Gorsuch, Kevin Libben, Tim Lock, Phil Jacob and Avilla Fire Chief John Brazzell.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be directed to the Albion Fire Department or the Albion Eagles Lodge FOE # 2455.

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ALBION NEW ERA
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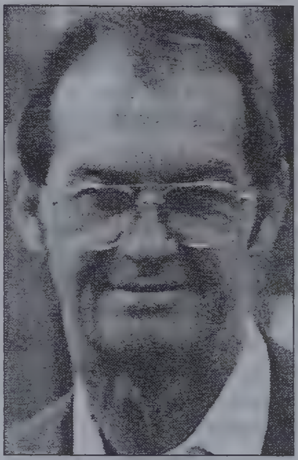
Gary Lawayne Tucker, 64



Gary Lawayne Tucker, age 64, of Corunna, died on Saturday, January 15, 2011 at his residence.

Mr. Tucker was born in Kendallville, Indiana on August 27, 1946 to Jesse and Hazel B. (Frain) Tucker Samples.

He married Dorla Kay Smith on April 15, 1967 in LaGrange.

Gary was employed with Federal-Mogul in Avilla for 14 years.

He also owned and operated Tucker Tree Service for more than 30 years.

He was a member of the Beacon Baptist Church in Kendallville and the Sons of the American Legion, Post #381 in Rome City. He loved to fish and collect knives.

Surviving is wife, Dorla Tucker of Corunna; daughters and sons-in-law, Tracy and John Burns of Connersville, and Tanya and Terry Kryder of Waterloo; granddaughter, Amaya Burns of Connersville; Mother, Hazel Tucker Samples of Kendallville; sisters, Colleen and Philes VanSchoyck of Bulan, Kentucky and Tresha Kelley of Kendallville; brothers, Donald Tucker of Peru, James Dawson Tucker of Kendallville, Dowine and Jane Tucker of Rome City, Randy Tucker of Columbia City, Dustin Tucker and Richard Tucker of Kendallville; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jesse Tucker in 1977; sisters, LaVancha Tucker and Rilla Tucker and brother, Marion Tucker.

Funeral services were Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at Beacon Baptist Church, 1511 West Drake Road, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Ron Stratman.

Burial was at Sweet Cemetery near Albion.

Preferred memorials may be made to his family.

Casketbearers were Don Wicker, Chan Ng, Chuck Tucker, Richard Tucker, Ed Smith and Webb Pierce.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
January 19, 2011, Wednesday

Sharon Kay Roberson, 61

Sharon Kay Roberson, 61, a resident of rural Churubusco in Allen County, passed away at 1:50 a.m. on Sunday, January 16, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been seriously ill for the past two weeks.

Ms. Roberson was born in Wolf Lake on December 24, 1949, a daughter of Ralph and Madeline (Rosenogle) Roberson. She was a lifelong resident of Eel River Township, and graduated with the first class from Carroll High School in 1969.

Employed at Dana Weatherhead Division in Columbia City, she retired from there in 2000 after nearly 31 years of service. Sharon was a very caring person, and volunteered at Parkview Hospital by making "Care" blankets. She was a member of Believer's Bible Fellowship in Churubusco, and the Red Hat Society.

The surviving relatives include her devoted sisters Karen Roberson and Lois Hull, both of Churubusco; two nephews Bradley (Deborah) Hull of Auburn and Gregory Hull of Churubusco; a niece Zondra Hull of Fort Wayne; five great-nieces Anne (Chad) Guggenbiller of Fort Recovery, Ohio, Heather (Shaun) Engel of Fort Wayne, Emily Hull of Indianapolis, and Chelsea (Justin) Rentschler and Caitlin Hull, both of Huntertown; a great-nephew Adam Hull of Indianapolis; and a great-great-niece and nephew Eva Engel and Tyler Guggenbiller; and a niece-in-law, Rebecca Hull of Huntertown.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by an infant brother Bruce Roberson; a brother-in-law Dale Hull; and a nephew Randall Hull.

Funeral services will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, January 22, 2011, at Believer's Bible Fellowship in Churubusco with Pastor Robert Siegrist, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the church on Saturday after 10 a.m. until the time of the service.

Interment will be in the Eel River Cemetery, Allen County

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Parkview Foundation, 2200 Randallia Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46805; or to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Avenue, #200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Ms. Roberson's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Donald C. Dukes, 82

Donald C. Dukes, age 82, of Kendallville, died on Sunday, January 16, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages.

Mr. Dukes was born in Kendallville on July 28, 1928 to the late Chester Dukes and Zelma Adela (Budd) Dukes.

He graduated from Kendallville High School in 1946 and served his country in the United States Army for two years during the Korean War.

Don worked in the office at Flint & Walling in Kendallville since age 16 and Puritan Ice Cream.

He enjoyed photography and music and played the piano by ear.

Survivors include: sisters, Shirley Smith and Cleo Hanes of Kendallville; nephews: Lt. Col. Gary Smith (Pat) of Kendallville, Kevin Smith (Krista) of Rolling Prairie, Indiana, Craig Smith (Julia) of Kendallville, and Daniel Hanes of Mishawaka; four great-nephews, three great-nieces, a great-great niece, two half brothers, Douglas Dukes of Milford and Dennis Dukes, M.D., of Georgia.

He was preceded in death by parents, two brothers-in-law, Bernard Smith in 2005 and Harold Hanes, Jr. in 2002 and a nephew, Steven Hanes in 1990.

A private celebration will be held at a later date. There will be no visitation.

Burial will take place this week at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Noble Transit Service or the Humane Society.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Donald Oscar Matson, 80

Donald Oscar Matson, age 80, of Kendallville, died on Saturday, January 15, 2011 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Matson was born in Pleasant Lake, Indiana on February 26, 1930 to the late Oscar Lewis and Vella Imo (Metzler) Matson.

Don worked at Foundations in Albion since 1983.

He was a member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

Surviving is brother and sister-in-law, Clark and Annabelle Matson of Avilla.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, James Matson and Richard Matson and sisters, Jeanette Gordon and Marjorie Saurer.

Funeral services were Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville, Indiana.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Thomas A. Dunbar.

Burial was at Pleasant Lake Cemetery in Pleasant Lake, Indiana.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Betty Jean Krom, 81

Betty Jean Krom, 81, a resident of South Whitley, died at 10:10 p.m. Sunday, January 16, 2011 at Miller's Merry Manor, Columbia City where she had been a resident since Friday.

She was born July 13, 1929 in Thorncreek Township, Whitley County a daughter of Manuel and Elma (Gaerte) Smith. Her formative years were spent in Thorncreek Township and she attended Thorncreek School.

She was first employed at Dana for 12 years and later Lyall Electric from 1980 until 1990.

Surviving relatives include a son, Rick (Marilyn) Krom of Albion; two daughters, Pamala (Stanley) Kistler of Pierceton and Connie (Stephen) Pressler of Columbia City; six grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandson.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by five sisters, Cherl Adkins, Dorothy Cleland, Ethel Holt, Edith Geyer and Ilean Hippensteel; and three brothers, Otto, Lewis and Franklin Smith.

There will be no visitation or service. A private family burial will take place at a later date at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Arrangements are being completed at Smith & Sons Funeral Home, Columbia City.

Condolences may be sent to www.smithandsonsfuneralhome.com.

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Stephen L. Barton-Hunley, 23

Stephen L. Barton-Hunley, age 23, of Fort Wayne, Ind., died at 4:14 p.m. on Friday, January 14, 2011 at his residence in Fort Wayne. Born on October 26, 1987 in Fort Wayne, Ind., he was the son of Sam L. Hunley and Barbara D. Brenneke.

A lifetime resident of Fort Wayne and Churubusco, he graduated from Churubusco High School with the Class of 2005. He was currently employed at Pit Stop Pizza in Churubusco where he worked in all capacities of the business. He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, Churubusco.

Survivors include his mother and step-father, Barbara and Chad Brenneke of Churubusco; father and step-mother, Sam and Nikki Hunley of Fort Wayne; grandmother, Caroline Barton of Fort Wayne; grandfather, Junior Hunley of Fort Wayne; grandparents, Jerry and Marsha Guiff of Churubusco; grandparents, Gene and Carol Bodle of Decatur, Ind.; grandparents, Bob and Karen Brenneke of Lexington, SC; grandfather, Harlan Winter of Berne, Ind.; brothers, Dominic Hunley, Nathan Naab and Noah Hunley all of Fort Wayne; sisters, Sofia (Sean) Hargrow of Phoenix, AZ, Danielle Hunley of San Diego, CA, Darci Brenneke of Albion, Ind., Haleigh Hunley of Fort Wayne, and Heather Brenneke of Churubusco. He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Joseph Barton and paternal grandmother, Genitte Hunley.

Visitation took place on Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Dr., Columbia City, Ind. Funeral service was held on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at the funeral home with Pastor Lane Burgland of Faith Lutheran Church officiating. Burial was to follow at Riverview Cemetery. Memorial donations in memory of Stephen may be made to Faith Lutheran Church; envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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Harry Ecenbarger

FORT WAYNE — Harry W. Ecenbarger, 90, passed away at his Lake George, Michigan, home on Tuesday, Jan 18, 2011.

Mr. Ecenbarger

He was born on Oct 5, 1920, in Fort Wayne to the late William and Clara (Bireline) Ecenbarger.

He retired in 1982 from General Electric Company in Fort Wayne after 41 years of service, and was a member of the GE Quarter Century Club.

He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corp during WWII and was a member of American Legion Post 423 in Orland, Ind.

He also was a member of the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes.

Harry was a kind and generous person and a loving husband and father, who enjoyed to fish and cruising around Lake George, as well as visiting with friends and spending time with his family.

Harry is survived by his wife of 69 years, Elsie Ecenbarger; his sons, Donald (Janice) Ecenbarger of Angola, and Steven (Lynne) Ecenbarger of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Also surviving is a sister, Alice Giest.

He was preceded in death by a son, David.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan 22, 2011, at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne, with visitation one hour prior.

Visitation is also Friday, Jan 21, 2011, from 3-5 p.m and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery with military honors.

Memorials are to American Legion Post #423 or Community Hospice of Coldwater.

N. Dean Beverly

LAGRANGE — N. Dean "Duck Butter" Beverly, 53, of LaGrange died Monday, Jan. 17, 2011, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, following a lengthy illness.

A memorial service will be held at noon Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011, in the Church of the Stone, Wolcottville.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to a scholarship fund for his son, Johnathon Beverly, in care of Farmers State Bank, 220 S. Detroit St., LaGrange, IN 46761.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

A full obituary will appear next week.

Eugene Smolek

KENDALLVILLE — Eugene A. Smolek, 86, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011 at his Kendallville home.

Arrangements pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Beulah Young

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Beulah C. (Sholl) Young, 93, died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2011, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola, Ind.

Mrs. Young had lived in Hicksville and wintered in Florida.

She had worked as a nurse's aide at the VA Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. Young was a 1937 graduate of Hicksville High School.

She was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Hicksville and its women's group.

She was born June 12, 1917, in Defiance County, Ohio, to Clarence and Etta (Robinson) Hinsch. She married Harold Sholl on March 15, 1937. He died in February 1980. She then married Jack Young on Sept. 28, 1991, and he preceded her in death in October 2004.

Surviving are three sons, Ed (Connie) of Fremont, Ind., Tom (Sandy) of Hicksville, Ohio, and Richard (Sandra) of Hamilton, Ind.; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by five siblings.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville, with Pastor Jim Spears and Fred Brandon officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the funeral service Saturday.

Memorials are to Trinity United Methodist Church or to Crippled Children & Adult Society.

Send online condolences to www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Austin Perkins

ROME CITY — Austin Perkins, age 80, of Rome City died on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at his home.

Mr. Perkins was born in Carrie, Kentucky, on September 6, 1930, to Estil Perkins and Georgia Ann (Polly) Perkins.

Mr. Perkins

He married Betty Irene Young on October 7, 1953. She survives in Rome City.

Mr. Perkins worked at Carrier Lee Warehouse in Chicago for 16 years and then worked for Mary Ann Bakery in Chicago for another 16 years, retiring in 1991.

He was an active member of the Bethel Christian Baptist Church in Kendallville.

He loved going to church and being with his church family.

Mr. Perkins enjoyed gospel and bluegrass music and he loved working in his garden.

Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Betty Perkins of Rome City; two sons, Wade Perkins of Kendallville and Wayne and Doreen Perkins of Rome City; two granddaughters, Deanne May Perkins and Kristen Perkins; four brothers, Jimmie and Jeanette Perkins of Rome City, Joe and Donice Kay Perkins of Rome City, Estil ,Jr. and Bessie Perkins of Carrie, Kentucky, and Keith and Bobbie Perkins of Lyons, Georgia; four sisters, Martha Ellen Fugate of Chicago, Iva Pearl and Jerry Haston of LaGrange, Donna and Ronnie Smith of Carrie, Kentucky, Buelah Faye Mehallopis of Hanover Park, Illinois, and a sister-in-law, Judy Perkins of Emmalena, Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Covey, Bobby Ray and Carl Punch Perkins; and four sisters, Armelda Ritchie, Madie Combs, Ella Mae Hayes and Letha Ann Stephens.

Visitation will be Friday, January 21, 2011, after 2 p.m. at Bethel Christian Baptist Church of Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 22, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Bethel Christian Baptist Church. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Shawn Shepherd. Burial will be at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Send a condolence to Austin's family by Friday, January 21, 2011, at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Dorothy Leighty

KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy K. Leighty, age 87, of Kendallville died on Wednesday, January 19, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Leighty

Mrs. Leighty was born in Boyceville, Wisconsin, on January 29, 1923, to Ernest Karlen and Ella (Ziehr) Karlen.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1941.

Dorothy married Marve Leighty on June 12, 1943, at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and he preceded her in death August 14, 1997.

She was a homemaker all of her life. She also was a librarian with the Orange Township Library in Rome City for many years and retired from the Kendallville Public Library in 1999.

She was an active member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Dorothy was a member and past president of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit #86, a member and past president of the Farmerettes Home Demonstration Club, member and past president of the Noble County Extension Homemakers and was the current president of the Provena Sacred Heart Home Resident Council where she resided the past five years.

She enjoyed knitting for all of her family and friends and liked making poppies for the American Legion Auxiliary. Dorothy also volunteered many hours over many years with the Noble County Fair.

Dorothy was a wonderful mother, homemaker and grandma "GG."

Survivors include her sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Linda Leighty of Kendallville and Richard and Doris Leighty of Churubusco; her daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Ira Magginnis of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Phillip and Julie Leighty of Kendallville, Elizabeth and Nelson Salazar of Houston, Texas, Jennifer and Allan Dodd of Fort Wayne and Jeanette and Billy Perry of Fort Wayne; three great-grandchildren, Michael Dodd, Zackery Leighty and Kaitlyn Leighty; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Lorraine Seidel of Kendallville and Patricia and Arthur Flickinger of Fairfax Station, Virginia; a sister-in-law, Bondell Leighty of Kendallville; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Eugene and Connie Leighty of Kendallville; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Marve Leighty; two sisters, Ardis Jean Karlen and Lois Kester; one infant brother, Robert Karlen; brothers-in-law, Norman Seidel, Frank Leighty and Wayne Kester; a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Harry and Josephine Clouse; and a niece, Kathy (Flickinger) Seals.

Visitation will be Friday, January 21, 2011, from 3-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, January 22, 2011, at 1 p.m., with an hour of calling before the service at the funeral home. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Robert Shriner. Casketbearers will be Ron Leighty, Duane Leighty, Dan Leighty, Larry Leighty, Ed Peffer and Gary Clouse.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to Provena Sacred Heart Home's Activities Fund or American Legion Auxiliary Unit #86.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Dorothy by Friday, January 21, 2011, at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Police 'justified' in shooting

Prosecutor backs officers in killing Ligonier gunman

BY MATT GETTS
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ALBION — Noble County Prosecutor Steven Clouse has ruled police were justified in shooting a Ligonier man who pointed a gun at them during a standoff in November in Ligonier.

John C. Weldy, 73, died from the gunshot wounds.

Clouse said a joint investigation by the Noble County Coroner's Office, the Noble County Sheriff's Department and Indiana State Police revealed no wrongdoing on the part of three officers who shot Weldy on Nov. 12, 2010, following a three-hour standoff at Weldy's home in the 700 block of East Smith Street.

The state's legal standard for the use of lethal force requires that officers fear for their own lives, the lives of other officers or of innocent bystanders.

According to Clouse, there was evidence Weldy not only pointed a 12-gauge shotgun at officers immediately prior to officers shooting him, but he may have fired the weapon at officers.

Clouse said whether Weldy fired the shotgun at officers was not important to the outcome of his investigation into the police-action shooting.

"What matters is, he aimed a deadly weapon at police officers," Clouse said. "Their actions were justified."

After the shooting, police discovered a jammed round in Weldy's shotgun. The jammed round could indicate the gun had been fired recently, Clouse said. One officer also told investigators he heard the report of the shotgun as officers fired.

Clouse said police found steel shot from a shotgun shell in a shed behind the property. A window had been broken in the shed, and it may have been shot out. Investigators found steel shot in the shells in the shotgun Weldy had pointed at officers.

Clouse said an autopsy revealed Weldy had marijuana in his system at the time of the incident. Police found a marijuana-growing operation in his home.

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Weldy had shot at Ligonier officer Mike Alexander earlier in the afternoon, triggering the standoff.

Weldy had been leaning out a second-floor rear window when he was shot by police.

According to Clouse, Weldy was hit by six or seven rounds fired by three officers.

One shot struck his head, and his other wounds went down the chest to the torso. All three officers were members of Northeastern Indiana SWAT and were positioned within 30 yards of Weldy.

Clouse identified LaGrange County Sheriff Terry Martin, LaGrange County Sheriff's Department Cpl. Clifford Hibbs and Steuben County Sheriff's Department Deputy Adam Miller as the officers who fired on Weldy with their rifles.

Clouse said Weldy made continued threats to officers throughout the standoff. At one point, Weldy told police he was well-armed, had plenty of ammunition and was "ready for a fight," Clouse said.

Weldy had been involved in a dispute with the city regarding junk on his property. Weldy had been making progress on cleaning up the property prior to the incident Nov. 12.

Neighbors had described Weldy as having mental problems.

The incident began with a report of a man in the street with a firearm in the 700 block of East Smith Street at approximately 1:55 p.m.

When Alexander arrived on the scene, Weldy was in the street holding a .22 caliber rifle, Clouse said. Alexander stopped his police cruiser 25 yards from where Weldy was standing. When more officers arrived and ordered Weldy to drop the gun, he pointed the gun at them and fired.

Alexander's vehicle was struck four times, according to police reports.

Weldy then fled back into his residence.

Police set up a perimeter around the home, and the first SWAT units arrived on the scene at 2:40 p.m. Trained negotiators came at 3:23 p.m. At 4:09 p.m., Clouse obtained an arrest warrant for Weldy from Noble Superior Court Judge Robert Kirsch.

At 5:09 p.m. Weldy pointed the 12-gauge shotgun at officers, who then fired.

Martin said it was the first time in his 26-year law enforcement career that he had to fire his weapon at a person.

"It wasn't something I wanted to do," Martin said of the shooting. "It's the unfortunate part of the job."

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Harry Ecenbarger

Mr. Ecenbarger

FORT WAYNE — Harry W. Ecenbarger, 90, passed away at his Lake George, Michigan, home on Tuesday, Jan 18, 2011.

He was born on Oct 5, 1920, in Fort Wayne to the late William and Clara (Bireline) Ecenbarger.

He retired in 1982 from General Electric Company in Fort Wayne after 41 years of service, and was a member of the GE Quarter Century Club.

He was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army Air Corp during WWII and was a member of American Legion Post 423 in Orland, Ind.

He also was a member of the Presbyterian Chapel of the Lakes.

Harry was a kind and generous person and a loving husband and father, who enjoyed to fish and cruising around Lake George, as well as visiting with friends and spending time with his family.

Harry is survived by his wife of 69 years, Elsie Ecenbarger; his sons, Donald (Janice) Ecenbarger of Angola, and Steven (Lynne) Ecenbarger of Fort Wayne; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a daughter-in-law, Terri Ecenbarger.

Also surviving is a sister, Alice Giest.

He was preceded in death by a son, David.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan 22, 2011, at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., Fort Wayne, with visitation one hour prior.

Visitation is also Friday, Jan 21, 2011, from 3-5 p.m and 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery with military honors.

Memorials are to American Legion Post #423 or Community Hospice of Coldwater.

Ronald Brown

Mr. Brown

BUTLER — Ronald K. "Buzz" Brown, 78, of Butler died Thursday, January 20, 2011, at Parkview Hospital.

He was born on December 23, 1932, in Paulding County, Ohio, to Theodore and Irene (Doyle) Brown.

Ron was a 1950 graduate of Defiance High School and a graduate of Tri-State University with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean Conflict.

Ron retired from the Indiana Department of Transportation as the northeast Indiana area engineer in 2003, after 41 years of service.

He married Nancy Lemons on September 14, 1957, in Bryan, Ohio.

Survivors include his wife Nancy Brown of Butler; three daughters, Marcia (Jerry) Xanders of Syracuse, Indiana, Sherri (Joseph) Sida of Ballwin, Missouri, and Natalie (Josh) Zachrich of Bryan, Ohio; three brothers, Rogel Brown of Okeechobee, Florida, Arnold Brown of Ney, Ohio, and Theodore Brown of Defiance, Ohio; a sister, Barbara Mack of Brunersburg, Ohio; and four grandchildren, Amanda Xanders, Paul Xanders, Kelsey Sida, and Riley Zachrich.

Funeral services will be Monday at 11 a.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Paul Patton officiating.

Calling will be Sunday from 2 -7 at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Fountain Grove Cemetery in Bryan Ohio.

Preferred memorials are to the Butler Library or the donor's choice.

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January 21, 2011, Friday

Betty Keep

KENDALLVILLE — Betty J. Keep, age 83, of Kendallville died on Thursday, January 20, 2011, at her residence in the Chandler House.

Mrs. Keep

Mrs. Keep was born in Noble County, Indiana, on December 22, 1927, to Alvin Kammerer and Emelia (Dyk) Kammerer.

She married Winfred Keep on January 2, 1981, at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. Mr. Keep passed away September 15, 2002.

Mrs. Keep worked for Indiana Bell Telephone in Kendallville for eight years and Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 16 years, before retiring in 1985.

She was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Survivors include a son, Gary Kimpel of Kendallville; a sister, June Bricker of Kendallville; two nieces, Carol and Bob Price of Kendallville and Phyllis Hite of Colleyville, Texas; three nephews, Larry Boese of Kendallville, Ronald and Luanne Kammerer of Kendallville and Dennis and Debbie Boese of Lafayette, Indiana; and several great-neices and great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Kathy Jean Kimpel who died June 20, 1961; two brothers, Harold Kammerer and Robert Kammerer; and two brothers-in-law, Harold Boese and Gerald Bricker.

Visitation will be Monday, January 24, 2011, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, January 24, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church of Kendallville.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Rodney Hunter

LAGRANGE — Rodney A. Hunter, 67, of LaGrange died Monday, Jan. 17, 2011, at his home.

Funeral services will be at 6 p.m. Saturday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Visitation will be from 1-6 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Samuel Stoltzfus

MILLERSBURG — Samuel Stoltzfus, 72, of Millersburg died at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011, at his residence.

Calling is after 2 p.m. Saturday and all day Sunday at the family residence.

Further arrangements are by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

John Krueger

FORT WAYNE — John W. Krueger died Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2011.

There will be privtae services.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

William Murphy

SHIPSHEWANA — William A. Murphy, 65, of Shipshewana died Monday, Jan. 17, 2011, at his home.

There will be no services or calling.

Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Gertie Whitt

KENDALLVILLE — Gertie Jean Whitt, 42, of Squire, W.Va., died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2011, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, following an unexpected illness.

Calling will from 3-6 p.m. Friday at the Lighthouse Tabernacle in Kimmell where there will be an evening service at 6 p.m.

Funeral services will be in West Virginia, with burial in Squire, W.Va.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

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Margaret Foss

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret Helen Foss, 81, of Kendallville died Thursday, January 20, 2011, in Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.

Mrs. Foss

Mrs. Foss had resided in Kendallville for 13 years, coming from Bluffton. She retired after 25 years at the Caylor-Nickle Clinic in Bluffton. She had previously worked at the Wells Community Hospital in Bluffton for ten years.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville.

She enjoyed visiting the Senior Center, volunteering, camping, cooking, reading, and spending time with family.

She was born April 16, 1929, in Stratford, Wisconsin, to William and Mamie (Hopfensperger) Stuhr. On November 6, 1947, in Stratford, Wisconsin, she married Victor Foss Sr.

Surviving are three sons, Roger Foss of Kendallville, Ronald Foss of Montpelier, and Victor Foss Jr. and his fiancee, Amy Elkin of Kendallville; five grandchildren; five great grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and three sisters and a brother-in-law, Eleanor Bintzler of Paradise, California, Mildred Ermis of Saukville, Wisconsin, and Leona and Herbert Wachholz of Spencer, Wisconsin.

She was preceded in death by her parents, William and Mamie Stuhr; her husband, Victor Foss Sr. in 1979; a son, Randall Foss; one sister; and two brothers.

Mass of Christian burial will be Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at 1 p.m. in Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Kendallville, with Father James Stoyle officiating.

Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Bluffton at 3:30 p.m.

Casketbearers will be Denny Foss, Cory Foss, Shawn Foss, Shane Foss, Clayton Foss, Justin Foss and Skylar Elkin.

Calling is Monday, January 24, 2011, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville where a prayer vigil will be held at 4 p.m.

View a video tribute after Monday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Samuel Stoltzfus

MILLERSBURG — Samuel Stoltzfus, 72, of Millersburg died at 6:45 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011, at his residence.

Calling will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Sunday at his residence, 4080 S. C.R. 1125W, Millersburg.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday at his residence. Burial will be in Honeyville Cemetery at Topeka.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

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Dorothy Rauh loved helping people

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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KENDALLVILLE — Dorothy Mae Rauh devoted her life to her family and to helping others.

"She was a good Christian lady always trying to help others," said her daughter, Judy Lepper of LaOtto.

"My grandma always had time for me and my sisters and brothers," said her granddaughter, Dawn Reichhart of Avilla.

Mrs. Rauh, 100, passed away Dec. 25, 2010, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville. For her devotion to others and volunteerism, Rauh was named the Noble County Senior Volunteer of the Year in 1997.

Raised on a farm with eight brothers and sisters, she graduated from Mongo High School and intended to go to nursing school, an indication at an early age of her desire to help others in need.

"There was not much money around, so she decided that her older sister should go to nursing school instead," recalled Lepper. "Mom went to work as a housekeeper."

Her grandson, Joseph Lepper of LaOtto, remembers when he was growing up, his grandmother was always busy doing something.

"I remember her talking about going places because someone needed help," he said.

Reichhart recalled how her grandmother would take her grandchildren to the Kendallville nutrition site where she volunteered, while she cared for the elderly in their homes and to the 4-H fair, when she went to work at one of the booths.

"I think my grandma loved helping people more than anything except her family," Reichhart said.

Mrs. Rauh welcomed her grandchildren for overnight stays in her home.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Dorthy Rauh, right, with her sister, Vivian Cain.

"We always had fun at grandma's," said Reichhart. "She would take us to Bixler Lake or the park or blueberry picking. She helped us learn to sew and read. We had fun raking her leaves in the fall."

Reichhart recalls the times when she took her children to visit their great-grandmother Rauh at the

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Lamplighter in Kendallville. "She always had some treat or trinket that she saved just for them," said Reichhart.

Mrs. Rauh was an active member of Zion Lutheran Church, West Fairfield, near Corunna for more than 70 years. She was a member of the ladies' aid and Lutheran Women's Missionary League.

As nurse's aide for 17 years, she was employed with McCray Memorial Hospital and the Lutheran Home in Kendallville. She transported people to run errands, to go shopping and to doctors' appointments. Through the Noble County Council on Aging, she went on bus trips and encouraged others to take trips.

"Mom got a lot of people to go on trips. You know, it takes someone to get people to go, and she did that," said Judy Lepper. Mrs. Rauh served on the board of directors of the Noble County Council on Aging for more than 15 years.

At the Lamplighter, where she resided for several years, Mrs. Rauh served on the resident advisory board.

She volunteered many hours with various projects in Noble County. At Shepherd of the Hill (Lutheran Life Villages), Mrs. Rauh worked in the gift shop, helped with visitation and assisted with activities. She was involved in a cancer quilt project with middle school students making a quilt for a child at Camp Whacha-Wanna-Do.

Dorothy Rauh was a past member of the Wayne Township Extension Homemakers Club, and she enjoyed sewing and crocheting handmade walker bags, cancer turbans, Crisis Bears for children and lap robes for people who needed them.

On June 23, 1910, in Bronson, Mich., she was born to Chauncy David and Edna Helen (Camp) Shultz. She married Forrest Earl Rauh on June 9, 1937 in St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville. He preceded her in death Nov. 24, 1964.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Judith and Monteal Lepper of LaOtto, four grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, a sister, and a brother-in-law.

Mrs. Rauh is buried in Zion Lutheran Cemetery.

"The thing I will always remember about her is her light blue eyes and her smile that told me she was so happy to see me," said Reichhart. "She made people feel that they were very special to her."

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Gene Smolek

KENDALLVILLE — Gene "Smoke" Smolek, husband, father, brother, and friend, died peacefully at home on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, after a brief battle with leukemia. He was 86.

The son of the late James and Agnes (Minarik) Smolek, he was born in Churubusco, graduated from Arcola High School and lived in Kendallville for more than 60 years.

Mr. Smolek

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, he started a trucking business after discharge, hauling lumber and produce from the South to local markets. He married June Theresa Ross on June 1, 1951.

In the 1950s, with his father, he opened a brick and stone yard, buying and selling products for many area homes and businesses. Later he moved into farm products, hauling grains, fertilizers, and other items for local farmers and mills. He finished his trucking career with Hudson Trucking, working out of the local Kraft Foods plant and maintaining their fleet of trailers.

An avid self-taught golfer who carried a single-digit handicap into his eighties, retirement led him to Noble Hawk Golf Links, where he worked and played from its opening until his illness.

He was also a champion horseshoe pitcher, winning his first trophy in 1946 and then as a member of the NHPA and player in a local winter league for the last twenty years.

A longtime local businessman, he was a charter member of the local Kiwanis, a member of the Elks and Moose lodges and the American Legion, supporting local business, organizations and charities.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, June of Kendallville, two sons, Kevin and Kent, and a sister, Irene Burgoon of Colorado.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers, George, Richard and Arthur.

Visitation will be Saturday, January 29th from noon to 3 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main St., Kendallville with memorial services at 3 p.m.

Immediately following the service, the family will continue to celebrate Gene's life at the Elks Lodge in Kendallville for family and friends to attend.

Officiating the service will be Fr. James Stoyle with members of the Smolek family eulogizing Gene and sharing memories of the past.

Military funeral honors will be conducted at the funeral home by honor guard team members of the VFW Post #2749, Kendallville and American Legion Post #381, Rome City. Flag folding ceremonies will be conducted by active duty Indiana National Guard troops from Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials may be made to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Honorary bearers are his nephews, Brad Smolek, Brook Smolek, James Smolek, Jerry Smolek, Joe Carpenter and Rex Smolek.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Gene by Monday at www.hitefuneralhome.com or find us at Facebook.com.

Arrangements are entrusted to: Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main St., Kendallville.

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Robert McCallister

BUTLER — Robert T. McCallister, 44, died Friday from injuries sustained in an auto accident.

He was born on May 11, 1966, in Belleville, Ill., to Eugene and Earline (Iler) McCallister.

Mr. McCallister

He served in the Naval Reserve and was employed as a crane operator at Heidtman Steel Sheet Products, Butler.

He married Wendy Strock on Dec. 12, 1997, in Butler. Survivors include his wife, Wendy McCallister; a son, Robert McCallister Jr. of Butler; two daughters, Jennifer and Karri McCallister, both of Granite City, Ill.; two stepsons Colt Fry of Butler and Zach Fry of Fairbanks, Alaska; three brothers, David McCallister of Butler, Eugene (Sherri) McCallister of Granite City and Michael McCallister of Granite City; two sisters, Diane (Mike) Reed of Collinsville, Ill., and Michelle McCallister of Granite City.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Danny McCallister.

Funeral services will be Tuesday at 6 p.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the family. Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com

Matthew Wickliffe

KENDALLVILLE — Matthew K. Wickliffe, 23, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011, at 4:26 a.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wickliffe

He was born May 5, 1987, in Auburn to Timothy R. and Laura J. (Benson) Wickliffe, and they survive in Kendallville.

He was a bindery tech at Courier in Kendallville for five years.

He is survived by his parents: Timothy "Tim" and Laura Wickliffe, Kendallville, and two brothers, David J. Mansfield, Fort Bragg, N.C., and Kory Brewer, Garrett. He is also survived by his grandfather: Forest R. Wickliffe, Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

His life will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home by Charlie LaBounty.

Send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org

M. Sylvianne Mattern

AVILLA — Sister M. Sylvianne Mattern, OSF, 94, died Friday, Jan. 21, 2011, at Provena Sacred Heart Home after a short illness.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home Chapel in Avilla.

Visitation will be Monday from 3-8 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home Chapel. A rosary service will be recited at 6:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the Fransiscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart, 9201 W. St. Francis Road, Frankfort, IL 60423-8335.

Michael Beach

LAGRANGE — Michael P. Beach, 30, died Friday, Jan. 21, 2001, in LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Eva Caldwell

LAGRANGE — Eva Caldwell, 69, of Constantine, Mich., died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011, at 12:30 a.m. in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Barbara Hoover

ALBION — Barbara Sue Wolf Hoover, 80, of Albion and formerly of Ligonier died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011, at 4:30 a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. She passed away following an extended illness.

Mrs. Hoover

She was born April 11, 1930 in Noble County in Sparta Township to Charles L. & Josephine (Needles) Archer. She married Marion M. Wolf, who preceded her in death in 1984, and then Wallie Hoover Jr., who preceded her in death in 1994.

A lifelong area resident, she was a homemaker and also worked as a waitress at M&M Restaurant in North Webster, and as a retail clerk at Fisher Pharmacy in Kendallville.

She graduated from Cromwell High School in 1948, was a member of the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church of Avilla, Cromwell Lutheran Church in Cromwell, the Order of the Eastern Star for 50-plus years, and the American Legion Auxiliary of Ligonier 243.

Surviving are five children, Eric (Barbara E.) Wolf of LaOtto, Scot (Jana) Wolf of Syracuse, Bret (Sue) Wolf of Warsaw, Brenda (Donald) Patrick of Ligonier, and Brad Wolf of Avon; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one sister, Louise Smith of Ft. Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands; an infant daughter, Carol; one great-granddaughter, Marissa Marie Squadrito; one brother, F. Wayne Archer; and one sister, Iris Goshorn.

Services will be Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier with Pastor Phyllis Smoot officiating. Interment will be at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, with pallbearers: Andy Wolf, Marty Patrick, Ethan Wolf, Deric Wolf, Devin Wolf, Matt Deeds, Rob Owen, and Chad Owen and honorary pallbearers Roger Owen, Don Patrick, Brad Wolf, Bret Wolf, Scot Wolf, and Eric Wolf.

Calling will be Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions are to the Prentiss Chapter 178 of the Order Of The Eastern Star or Parkview Noble Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

Michael Gabet

BUTLER — Michael A. Gabet, 64, of Butler and formerly of Edgerton, Ohio, died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Gabet

He was born Dec. 29, 1946, in Fort Wayne to Arthur A. and Rose (Housel) Gabet. They have both passed away.

Mike was a supervisor at Charleston Metal in Waterloo. He retired in 2009. He loved to fish and work around the yard.

He married Pamela Moulder on April 23, 1965, in Waterloo and she survives in Butler. He is also survived by four daughters and two sons-in-law, Blinda and Steve Freeman of LaOtto, Maria Gabet of Bryan, Ohio, Michele Gabet of Bryan and April and Nate Nickloy of Angola; a brother, Richard Gabet of Butler; three sisters and two brothers-in-law, Ann and Jerry Dohner of Butler, Patricia and Charles Miller of Hicksville and Ellen Kelder of Garrett; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Ronald Gabet.

Services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Father George Gabet officiating. Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorials can be directed to DeKalb County Heart Association.

To view an obituary or send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Ida Johnson

Mrs. Johnson

LAGRANGE — Ida Johnson, 87, of LaGrange died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011, at 8:20 p.m. at her residence.

She was born in Poplar Bluff, Mo., Dec. 10, 1923, to Ben D. and Malinda J. (Miller) Borntrager. She married Ralph Johnson on Nov. 29, 1959. He preceded her in death on Dec. 9, 2010.

Ida had worked for many years at Browns Drug Store in LaGrange as well as a being a homemaker for most of her life. She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange and enjoyed gardening, cooking and helping her husband farm.

Surviving are one daughter, Carol Jacobs of LaGrange; one son, Martin Johnson of LaGrange, three sisters, Elizabeth and John Helmuth of Topeka, Edna and Freeman Miller of Topeka and Esther and Don Galloway of Ligonier; one grandson, Trevor Johnson; and one granddaughter, Stephanie Smith.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband; three brothers, Martin, Dan and Joe Borntrager; and three sisters, Mary Yutzy, Polly Fry and Clara Kuhns.

Services will be at First United Methodist Church, LaGrange on Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2011, at 1 p.m. with Pastor Chris Danielson officiating. Calling will be at the church Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, from 4-8 p.m. Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to The Michael J. Fox Foundation Research, Church Street Station, P.O. Box 780, New York, NY 10008-0780.

Online condolences may be sent to Carneyfrost@earthlink.net

Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Matthew Wickliffe

Mr. Wickliffe

KENDALLVILLE — Matthew K. Wickliffe, 23, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011, at 4:26 a.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

He was born May 11, 1987, in Auburn to Timothy R. and Laura J. (Benson) Wickliffe, and they survive in Kendallville.

He was a bindery tech at Courier in Kendallville for five years.

He is survived by his parents: Timothy "Tim" and Laura Wickliffe, Kendallville, and two brothers, David J. Mansfield, Fort Bragg, N.C., and Kory Brewer, Garrett. He is also survived by his grandfather: Forest R. Wickliffe, Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

His life will be celebrated at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home by Charlie LaBounty.

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Terry Schulz

KENDALLVILLE — Terry L. Schulz, 41, of Kendallville died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn. Calling will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

Terry Kief

AUBURN — Terry L. Kief, 59, of Auburn died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

Bonnie Shaffer

AUBURN — Bonnie Ann Shaffer, 58, of Auburn, died Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home.

Memorial services are at 11 a.m. Saturday at Indian Village Church of God, 602 Erie Pass, Auburn.

Arrangements are by Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services.

Michael Beach

LAGRANGE — Michael P. Beach, 30, of LaGrange died Friday, Jan. 21, 2011, at home.

Calling will be from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Friday at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, with memorial services immediately following at 6:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

Beverly Parsons

AUBURN — Beverly Ann Parsons, 55, of Auburn died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

There will be no services or calling.

Arrangements are by Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Eva Caldwell

CONSTANTINE, Mich. — Eva E. Caldwell, 69, of Constantine, Mich., died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011, at Kairos Dwelling, Kalamazoo, Mich.

There will be no services at this time. Burial will take place at a later date.

Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Elvis Lawson

AUBURN — Elvis Mitchel Lawson, 39, of Auburn, died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

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Norene Yohn

ELKHART — Norene Mae (Artley) Yohn, 89, of Elkhart, Ind., died at 7:05 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011, at Golden Living Center.

Mrs. Yohn

She was born May 31, 1921, in Gladstone, Michigan, to Rubert C. & Lillian (Montgomery) Artley.

On May 30, 1942, in Washington, D.C., she married Lester M. (Pete) Yohn. He died on July 24, 2000, in East Chicago, Ill. Surviving are two sons, Ronald B. (Nancy) Yohn of Mishawaka, Ind., and Randall D. (Elizabeth) Yohn of Elkhart, Ind.; and a daughter, Janeen K. (Steve) Longfellow of Big Long Lake, Ind. Also surviving are seven grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Warren and Dexter Artley.

Norene moved to L'Anse, Mich., where she grew up and graduated from high school in 1939. She graduated from Duluth, MN Business University in 1940 and worked in Duluth for a wholesale sporting goods company.

In 1941 she went to Washington, D.C., to work as a civil service clerk in the Adjutant General's Division in the Pentagon. In 1946, she and her family moved to Elkhart, Ind. She was a homemaker until she started to work on the staff at St. Paul's United Methodist Church as financial secretary in 1962. She retired from the church in 1982.

She and her husband have traveled extensively and have been in all 50 states.

Her hobbies are photography and reading.

She has been a member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church since 1946 and the United Methodist Women serving as president and various other offices. She also was a district conference officer. She also was a member of the Ruth Circle at the church, a member of the Home Extension Study Club and as named Senior Homemaker of the Year in 1987.

The family will receive friends from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today, Tuesday, and from 9-10 a.m. Wednesday at the Walley-Mills-Zimmerman Funeral Home, 700 E. Jackson St., Elkhart, Ind. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at the funeral home. The Rev. Dr. William Hemmig from St. Paul's United Methodist Church will preside and burial will follow in Plum Grove Cemetery in Union, Mich.

Memorial contributions may be given to St. Paul's United Methodist Church.

Gloria Rowe

GARRETT — Gloria L. Rowe, 78, of Garrett died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor Nursing Home in Garrett.

Mrs. Rowe

Mrs. Rowe was a homemaker.

She recently had been attending The Crossing Nazarene Church in Garrett.

She was born Sept. 23, 1932, in Keene, N.H., to Armand and Sybil (Perkins) Filiault.

Surviving are a son; Stephen Rowe of Fremont; three daughters, Lael Ice of Garrett, Lynn Rowe Reed of Fort Wayne and Judith Rowe of Angola; three brothers, Armand Filiault, Bruce Filiault and Randy Filiault, all of Keene, N.H.; seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, January 27, 2011 at 7 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home with calling 2 hours prior. Officiating will be Pastor Kent Wright.

Memorials are to The Crossing Nazarene Church.

To send a condolence or sign the online guest book, visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Jeromy Graham

JACKSON, Mich. — Jeromy Scott Graham, 31, died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011, in Jackson.

Private services will be held at a later date.

Mary Clark

GARRETT — Mary Ruth "Chub" Clark, age 82, of Garrett, Ind., died at 7:35 p.m. Sunday, January 23, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. Clark

She was born May 27, 1928, in Garrett to the late Don E. and Alice H. (Harsh) Van Fleit.

Chub married Earl D. Clark on September 18, 1948, in Garrett.

She worked as an office manager at the Garrett Telephone Company for more than 35 years before it became GTE.

Chub enjoyed her large family gatherings, Purdue basketball, needlepoint, singing in the church choir, and is famous for her homemade applesauce.

She was a member of the Grabill Missionary Church and acted as trustee for the Garrett United Methodist Church's scholarship fund for future pastors.

She is survived by her husband, Earl D. Clark of Garrett, Ind., and their children, her daughter, Mary Kay Clark, Yellow Springs, Ohio; and three sons, Dave (Robbie) Clark, Brownsburg, Ind., Dan (Laurie) Clark, West Lafayette, Ind., and Jack (Leslie) Clark, Leo, Ind. She is also survived by her sister, A. Katharine "Kate" Kleeman of Garrett, Ind.; 12 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Don E. and Alice H. Van Fleit; two sons, Jimmy and Bruce Clark; two brothers, Dr. William Van Fleit and James Herzer; and two sisters, Betty Gordon and Barbara Painter.

Visitation will be from 4:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, Ind.

Services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, January 27, 2011, at Thomas Funeral Home with Pastor William Lepley officiating.

Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett, Ind.

Memorials are to the Grabill Missionary Church.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting: www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Mark Whan

ANGOLA — Mark William Whan, 53, of Angola died Wednesday, Jan. 12, 2011, in Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Whan was a sales clerk at Kohl's in Angola and formerly at the Goodwill Store in Angola and at the Sullins House in Fremont.

He was a 1976 graduate of East Palestine High School in East Palestine, Ohio.

Mr. Whan was a United States Army veteran.

He was born Aug. 24, 1957, in Salem, Ohio. His father, William James Whan, preceded him in death in 2004. His mother, Wilma E. (Russell) Inge preceded him in death in 2003.

Surviving are a sister, Mary Jo and Bill Von Ewegen of Angola; a daughter, Lisa M. Whan; and several nieces and nephews.

Also preceding him in death were a brother, Harvey D. "Chip" Pauley; a sister, Bernese E. Rock; and a nephew and Terry L. Rock.

There will be a celebration of life gathering from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the Fremont Moose Lodge.

Memorials are to the family.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Send online condolences to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Deborah Temple

ANGOLA — Deborah A. Temple, 60, of Angola died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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Clara Miller

LAGRANGE — Clara W. Miller, 83, of LaGrange died Monday, Jan. 24, 2011, at her residence. She had been in declining health.

Mrs. Miller was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

She was born Aug. 27, 1927, in Reno County, Kan., to Jacob S.S. and Wilma (Troyer) Miller. She married Jonathan D. Miller on Nov. 28, 1946. He survives.

Also surviving are five daughters, Elizabeth (Eli) Miller of Topeka, Edna Mae (John) Hochstetler of Howe, Mary Ann (LeLand) Lambright, Wilma (Elmer) Hochstetler, and Anna Ruth (Harvey) Yoder all of LaGrange; three sons, Herman (Emma) Miller, Vernon (Mary Edna) Miller and Albert (Esther) Miller, all of Topeka; 50 grandchildren; 103 great-grandchildren; 18 stepgrandchildren; 106 stepgreat-grandchildren; 36 stepgreat-great-grandchildren; three sisters, Edna Troyer of Marion, Mich., Ida (Ben) Miller of Goshen and Wilma (Gerald) Yoder of Topeka; three brothers, Harvey (Susie) Miller of Topeka, Freddie (Mary Ellen) Miller of Millersburg and Raymond (Lovina) Miller of Wolcottville; and a sister-in-law, Esther Miller of Topeka.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Fannie Arlene Miller; a son-in-law, Perry Miller; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister, Fannie Miller; a brother, Tobie Miller; and two brothers-in-law, Amzie Troyer and Samuel Miller.

Visitation will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Wednesday at the LeLand Lambright residence, 1730 N. C.R. 215W, LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Thursday at the Amzie Lehman residence, 1310 N. C.R. 250W, LaGrange. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery- LaGrange.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Friday, Jan. 21st "American Profile" listed the ten greatest writers of all time. I could sure use their help to express my thanks for the love shown to me and my family during the sickness and death of my wife, Darlene, during the last week. I know she would have been so happy to see such love. I owe special thanks to Obie and Rose Gibson and daughters for bringing food into the hospital. I know it couldn't have been easy! Thanks from the bottom of my heart! It'll never be forgotten!

I also owe a special thanks to "Little Flossie Old Regular Baptist Church." All the loved ones there were so terrific. I do mean "loved ones" because I love everyone of them. I want to thank the Sisters and friends for all the meals and the love that glowed in their eyes!

I want to thank the Brothers for preaching a wonderful funeral and taking care of me and my family. Thanks from all of us, me and my kids and Darlene because I know what she would have said if she could. Thanks with tons of love!

- Lee Dixon, Sr.

THE NEWS SUN
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June Haskins

HAMILTON — June K. Fee Haskins, 85, of Hamilton died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Haskins

Mrs. Haskins was the valedictorian of her 1943 graduating class of Hamilton High School. After being out of school for 25 years, she attended the University of Saint Francis in Fort Wayne where she received her bachelor's degree, master's degree and administrative license. She graduated as valedictorian, summa cum laude, with a 4.0 GPA.

A passionate teacher, she taught 14 years at Pleasant Lake Elementary School. She then became principal for nine years at Pleasant Lake Elementary and later at Hendry Park Elementary of Angola.

A Master Gardener, she was well known for her beautiful flowers and vegetable garden.

She was a lifetime member of the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

She was also an environmental activist for the Hamilton Waste Watchers where she was very instrumental in the fight and closing of the local landfill.

She was born June 20, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Howard and Francis (Kuryvial) Keck. They both preceded her in death. She was raised by C.M. and Myra Barr, and they both preceded her in death.

She married Fred W. Fee on April 17, 1968. He died July 29, 1990. She then married George Haskins Sr. on Nov. 14, 1992, and he survives in Hamilton.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, James and Ruth Haskins of St. Louis, Mo.; a daughter, Pat Waters of Hamilton; two stepsons and their spouses, George Jr. and Janice Haskins of Auburn, and Terry and Marcia Haskins of Waterloo; a stepdaughter and her spouse, Linda and Dave Rodebaugh of Auburn; 10 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandson.

She was also preceded in death by a son-in-law, Richard Waters; two brothers; and four sisters, including, Henrietta (Barr) Rupple, Marguerite Barr, and Georgeanna (Barr) Blecha.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Hamilton United Methodist Church, Hamilton. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Calling will be from 3-8 p.m. Thursday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo, and also from 2-3 p.m. Friday at the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

Memorials may be directed to the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Beverly Parsons

AUBURN — Beverly J. Parsons, 55, died Saturday, January 22, 2011, at 11:17 p.m.. at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn.

She was born in Garrett, Indiana, on May 14, 1955, to Homer and Rhea (Dangler) Snyder.

She was a graduate of Prairie Heights High School and retired after 30 years at VDO in Auburn.

Survivors include two sons. Jeremy L. Parsons of Auburn and Scott L. Parsons of Waterloo; one sister, Cindy Snyder of Hudson; two brothers, Bill (Lynn) Snyder of Garrett and Larry (Chris) Snyder of Butler; and three grandchildren, Hailey, Riann and Caleb

There will be no services or calling.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences can be sent to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

Josephine Wolf

LIGONIER — Josephine D. Wolf, 92, of Ligonier died Monday, Jan. 24, 2011, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

THE NEWS SUN
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Ruth Wendling

SHERWOOD, Ohio — Ruth L. Wendling, 91 years, of Sherwood passed away Monday, January 24, 2011, at Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers, Bryan.

Mrs. Wendling

Ruth was born on January 11, 1920, in Paulding, Ohio. She was the daughter of the late Dr. William "Doc" and Madge I. (Crawford) Sellers.

Ruth was a 1937 graduate of Paulding High School. She then attended International Business College in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

She married Albert J. Wendling on December 3, 1949, in Centerville, Michigan, and he preceded her in death on June 15, 1992.

Ruth worked for the Grizzly Corporation in Paulding.

Following her marriage to Albert, Ruth became a devoted homemaker, caring for her family.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Sherwood, and the Ladies Aide group at church. She was a former volunteer for the Defiance County Red Cross and also delivered Meals On Wheels when she was able. Ruth was an avid reader and she thoroughly enjoyed attending her grandchildren's sporting and other school events.

Surviving are her five children, Ann (Don) Hange of Defiance, Barbara (Rod) Knox of Auburn, Indiana, Cathy (Michael) Delaney of Houston, Texas, Charles Wendling of Galesburg, Michigan, and William (Holly) Wendling of Sherwood; 10 grandchildren, Annette Knox of Indianapolis, Indiana, Jeffrey Hange of Sherwood, Ohio, Matthew Knox of Chicago, Illinois, Andrew Hange of Columbus, Ohio, Jason and Cory Delaney of Houston, Texas, Cassie and Hannah Wendling of Galesburg, Michigan, and Ally and Carly Wendling of Sherwood; one sister, Joan (Monte) Hoover of Paulding, Ohio. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Albert, daughter-in-law, Mary Wendling, and two brothers, Richard and Robert Sellers.

Funeral services for Ruth L. Wendling will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, January 28, 2011, at St. John Lutheran Church, 09088 Openlander Road, Sherwood, with Pastor Mark DeLassus officiating. Interment will follow in Sherwood Cemetery.

Visitation for Ruth will be held Thursday, January 27, 2011, from 2-8 p.m. in the Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 230 E. Elm St., Sherwood. Visitation will also be held one hour prior to the service on Friday at the church.

Memorial contributions in the name of Ruth L. Wendling may be given to St. John Lutheran Church, 09088 Openlander Road, Sherwood, Ohio 43556.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com

Lyndia Suntken

AUBURN — Lyndia J. Suntken, 58, of Auburn died Monday at Wesley Health Care Center.

Mrs. Suntken

She was a 1970 graduate of Eastside High School and was employed as a press operator at Air Way Manufacturing of Hamilton.

She was a member of St. Marks Lutheran Church Butler, the Butler Eagles and Sigma Phi Gamma Sorority.

She was born on July 16, 1952 in Garrett to Alfred and Agnes (Beard) Suntken.

Survivors include her parents, Alfred and Agnes Suntken of Butler, two brothers and sister-in-laws, Gerald "Buck" and Laura Suntken of Butler and Michael and Diane Suntken of Auburn; and four nieces, Jennifer Rigby, Becky Casto, Alisa Worden, and Andrea Teeple.

Funeral services will be Friday at 7 p.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Darrol W. Heggen officiating.

Calling will be from 3 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Graveside services will be held Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Butler Cemetery, with a celebration of life gathering to be held afterward at the Butler Eagles.

In lieu of flowers memorials are requested to the family.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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Josephine Wolf

Mrs. Wolf

LIGONIER — Josephine D. Wolf, 92, of Ligonier died Monday, Jan. 24, 2011, at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

Mrs. Wolf was a lifetime area resident. She worked as a cook at Perry School in Ligonier for many years.

She was a member of Stone's Hill Community Church and a member of the Eastern Star and the the Golden Girls Club.

She was born on April 27, 1918, in Noble County to Tony and Fern (Moschel) Kreager. She married Chester H. Wolf on Aug. 29, 1940. He preceded her in Nov. 10, 1986.

Surviving are a son, Larry W. (Susie) Wolf of Ligonier; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and two siblings, Robert Kreager of Klinger Lake, Mich., and Ruth Elijah of Ligonier.

She was preceded in death by her husband; one daughter, Judy Sullivan; and five siblings.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Pastor Joey Nelson of Stone's Hill Community Church and Pastor Mitch Moser officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier. Pallbearers will be Jed Mooris, Bryan Dyar, Jeff House, Erik Leamon, Jordan Short and Taylor Short. Honorary pallbearers will be Todd Oesch and Tom Ritchie.

Memorials are to the Salvation Army, 3100 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46208.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Glenn Hanes

AUBURN — Glenn Deloss Hanes, 91, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

A full obituary will appear in the Thursday edition.

Richard Carpenter

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Richard L. Carpenter, 64, of Fort Myers died Monday, Jan. 17, 2011, in Fort Myers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at California Cemetery, California Township, Branch County, Mich., with members of the Fremont, Ind., American Legion Post conducting committal services.

A gathering for friends and family will be held at the home of Charlie Freeburn following the graveside services.

Memorials are to Faith Harvest Christian Fellowship/Community Soup Kettle, 1105 N. Williams St., Angola, IN 46703.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

John Haiflich Sr.

AUBURN — John W. Haiflich Sr., 85, died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, at his home in rural Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

A full obituary will appear in the Thursday edition.

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Deborah Temple

ANGOLA — Deborah A. Temple, 60, of Angola died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Temple

Mrs. Temple was a homemaker.

She was born Jan. 18, 1951, in Detroit, Mich., to Kenneth Crittenden Sr. and Della M. (Frisch) Crittenden. She married John W. Temple Feb. 7, 1970. He survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Scott Temple and his wife Sarah of Anderson and Shannon Temple and his wife Jennifer of Angola; two brothers, Kenneth Crittenden Jr. of Whitehouse, Ohio, and Dr. Robert M. Crittenden of Topeka, Kan.; a sister, Brenda R. Bauman of West Lake, Ohio; and seven grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to Parkview Heart Institute.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

Treva Rex

LIGONIER — Treva Rex, age 104, of Ligonier died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, at her residence in Ligonier.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Edward Walsh

PALM SPRINGS, Calif. — Edward J. Walsh, 60, of Palm Springs, Calif., and formerly of Indianapolis, died Monday, January 24, 2011, in Palm Springs.

Cremation has taken place. A family memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memoials are to the American Cancer Society — DeKalb County Chapter.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Rowe

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Robert P. Rowe, 89, of Winter Haven, Fla., died Monday, January 24, 2011, at the Good Shepherd Hospice Resident Center in Auburndale, Fla., due to a stroke.

Born in a log cabin April 22, 1921, in LaGrange County, Ind., he moved to Winter Haven in the early 1980s from Indiana.

He was an over-the-road truck driver for Ringle Express with more than 1,250,000 safe miles recorded and was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church in Winter Haven. He was also a member of the Cypress Gardens Lions Club in Winter Haven.

He was preceded in death by his wife, June, and a brother, Richard Rowe.

He is survived by a daughter, Judy Rowe, and two brothers, Glenn Rowe of Indiana and Jean Rowe of Winter Haven, Fla.

The family will receive friends from 1:30-2 p.m. Saturday in Oakwood Estates at the Oaks Clubhouse, 4028 Rolling Oaks Drive, Winter Haven, FL 33880.

A memorial service will begin at 2 p.m. Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in his memory to Cypress Gardens Lions Club, Diabetes Testing Program, P.O. Box 941, Winter Haven, FL 33882-0941 or to Good Shepherd Hospice, 105 Arneson Avenue, Auburndale, FL 33823.

Oak Ridge Funeral Care in Winter Haven is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent at www.oakridgefuneralcare.com.

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Terry Kief

AUBURN — Terry L. Kief, 59, of Auburn died Saturday, Jan. 22, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Kief

Mr. Kief worked for Penland Auto Parts and Salvage of Auburn.

He was born on Oct. 25, 1951, in Kendallville to Darold and Betty (Hahn) Kief. His mother is deceased and his father survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two sons, David Greene and Michael Greene, both of South Bend; a brother, Richard Kief of Edgerton, Ohio; and three sisters, Roseanne Ludwig of Auburn, Debra Duncan of Auburn and Wanda Henderson of Angola.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Feller and Clark Funeral home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Visitation will be two hours prior to the service.

Memorials are to the family.

To view an obituary or send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Denise Garrison

STURGIS, Mich. — Denise Hope Garrison of Sturgis died Monday, Jan. 24, 2011, at her residence.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange, Ind.

Elizabeth Hershberger

LAGRANGE — Elizabeth Hershberger, 49, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, at her residence.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at Shore Mennonite Church, 7236 W. C.R. 100N, Shipshewana and from 4-5 p.m. Thursday.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church. Burial will be in Rosewood Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Marie Diffendarfer

CHURUBUSCO — Marie A. Diffendarfer, 84, of Churubusco died Monday, Jan. 24, 2011, at Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 11 a. m. Saturday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

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Charles S. Hess, 88

Charles S. Hess, age 88, of Columbia City, Ind. passed away at 12:20 p.m. Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at Lutheran Hospital of Indiana, Fort Wayne. Born on March 4, 1922 in Whitley County, Ind., he was the son of Pyrl and Daisy (Rouch) Hess.

A lifetime resident of Whitley County, he attended school in Collins.

On March 27, 1943 he married Mildred Hazen in Elkhart County, Ind. In addition to being a lifetime farmer, he drove a school bus for Smith-Green School Corporation for 23 years as well as worked as a mechanic for 8 years. He also was employed at Bockelman and Geiger International Harvester in Churubusco as a mechanic for 30 years. His memberships included Blue River Community Church where he served as an elder and deacon, Indiana Farm Bureau and Whitley County Council on Aging.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Mildred Hess of Columbia City; nieces, Louise Wolfe of Fort Wayne, Judy (Ed) Demske, Joan (Joe) Miller and Barb Geiger all of Columbia City, and Karen (Jason) Maybe of Warsaw, Ind.; nephews, Jerry (Cheri) Geiger, Jess (Kay) Geiger of Columbia City, and Ronnie (Janet) Farmer and Randy (Brenda) Farmer of Kendallville, Ind.

He was preceded in death by his parents, brother, Herrold Hess and an infant sister.

Funeral service was Saturday, January 22, 2011 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, IN, with Pastor Kent Green of Blue River Community Church officiating. Burial followed at South Park (Annex) Cemetery, Columbia City. Memorial gifts may be given in memory of Mr. Hess to Blue River Community Church or the donor's choice of charity.

Please visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.

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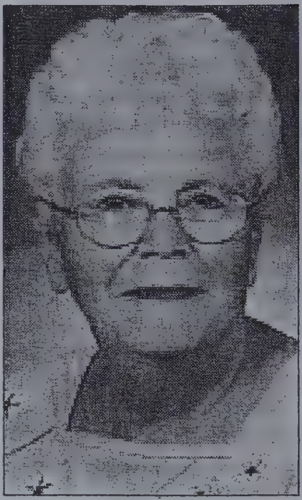
Barbara Sue Wolf Hoover, 80



Barbara Sue Wolf Hoover, 80, of Albion and formerly of Ligonier died Sunday, Jan. 23, 2011, at 4:30 a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville. She passed away following an extended illness.

She was born April 11, 1930 in Noble County in Sparta Township to Charles L. & Josephine (Needles) Archer. She married Marion M. Wolf, who preceded her in death in 1984, and then Wallie Hoover Jr., who preceded her in death in 1994.

A lifelong area resident, she was a homemaker and also worked as a waitress at M&M Restaurant in North Webster, and as a retail clerk at Fisher Pharmacy in Kendallville.

She graduated from Cromwell High School in 1948, was a member of the Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church of Avilla, Cromwell Lutheran Church in Cromwell, the Order of the Eastern Star for 50-plus years, and the American Legion Auxiliary of Ligonier 243.

Surviving are five children, Eric (Barbara E.) Wolf of LaOtto, Scot (Jana) Wolf of Syracuse, Bret (Sue) Wolf of Warsaw, Brenda (Donald) Patrick of Ligonier, and Brad Wolf of Avon; 12 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one sister, Louise Smith of Ft. Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husbands; an infant daughter, Carol; one great-granddaughter, Marissa Marie Squadrito; one brother, F. Wayne Archer; and one sister, Iris Goshorn.

Services were Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2011, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier with Pastor Phyllis Smoot officiating. Interment was at Sparta Cemetery, Kimmell, with pallbearers: Andy Wolf, Marty Patrick, Ethan Wolf, Deric Wolf, Devin Wolf, Matt Deeds, Rob Owen, and Chad Owen and honorary pallbearers Roger Owen, Don Patrick, Brad Wolf, Bret Wolf, Scot Wolf, and Eric Wolf.

Memorial contributions are to the Prentiss Chapter 178 of the Order Of The Eastern Star or Parkview Noble Hospice.

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Austin Perkins, 80

Austin Perkins, age 80, of Rome City died on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at his home.

Mr. Perkins was born in Carrie, Kentucky on September 6, 1930 to Estil Perkins and Georgia Ann (Polly) Perkins.

He married Betty Irene Young on October 7, 1953. She survives in Rome City.

Mr. Perkins worked at Carrier Lee Warehouse in Chicago for 16 years and then worked for Mary Ann Bakery in Chicago for another 16 years retiring in 1991.

He was an active member of the Bethel Christian Baptist Church in Kendallville. He loved going to church and being with his church family.

Mr. Perkins enjoyed Gospel and Bluegrass music and he loved working in his garden.

Surviving are his wife of 57 years, Betty Perkins of Rome City; sons, Wade Perkins of Kendallville, Wayne and Doreen Perkins of Rome City.

Two granddaughters, Deanne May Perkins and Kristen Perkins; brothers, Jimmie and Jeanette Perkins of Rome City, Joe and Donice Kay Perkins of Rome City, Estil,Jr. and Bessie Perkins of Carrie, Kentucky, and Keith and Bobbie Perkins of Lyons, Georgia; sisters, Martha Ellen Fugate of Chicago, Iva Pearl and Jerry Haston of LaGrange, Donna and Ronnie Smith of Carrie, Kentucky, and Buelah Faye Mehallopis of Hanover Park, Illinois; and sister-in-law, Judy Perkins of Emmalena, Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by brothers; Covey, Bobby Ray and Carl Punch Perkins, four sisters; Armelda Ritchie, Madie Combs, Ella Mae Hayes, and Letha Ann Stephens.

Funeral services were held Saturday, January 22, 2011 at Bethel Christian Baptist Church.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Shawn Shepherd.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery in Rome City, Indiana.

Send a condolence to the family of Austin at www.hitefuneralhome.com or find us on Facebook.com.

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Arthur W. Hawn, 81

Arthur W. "Bud" Hawn, age 81, of Cromwell, IN passed away Monday, January 17, 2011at 7:35 PM at Miller's Merry Manor in Syracuse.

He was born on March 2, 1929 in Columbia City, IN to George and Ethel (Smith) Hawn. on April 17, 1948 he married Loretta Norris in Columbia City, IN.

Mr. Hawn was lifelong area resident. He owned and operated Hawn Cabinet Shop for over 40 years. He also worked at Cromwell School for 16 years, 6 years at North Webster Elementary School and retired from the Sparta Township Fire Department.

Mr. Hawn belonged to the Masonic Lodge of Cromwell, was a former member of the Scottish Rite and a Shriner, where he drove children to the hospital in Chicago.

He is survived by his wife, Loretta Hawn of Cromwell, two daughters, Peggy (Luther Nelson) Hawn of Cromwell, Lorenda (Ernest) Waggoner of Cromwell; one son, Robert "Spank" (Cara) Hawn of Cromwell; six grandchildren, Carrie Trim of Cromwell, Loretta Gates of Cromwell, Cody Hawn of Ligonier, Spencer Hawn of Avilla, Rachel Renea Waggoner of Cromwell, Michael Waggoner of Cromwell; three step-granchildren, Jessica, Matthew and Casey Jones of Cromwell; and two great-grandchildren, Trevor Sexton and Rachel Morgan Trim of Cromwell. He was preceded in death by his parents and three sisters.

A funeral was held in Mr. Hawn's honor on Friday, January 21, 2011 at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767, with Celebrant Larry Baker officiating. Burial was in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, IN.

Memorial contributions are to the Cromwell Masonic Lodge, P.O. Box 354, Cromwell, IN 46732 or Goshen Care at Home Hospice, 1926 W. Lincoln Ave., Goshen, IN 46526.

We want to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and generous prayers during our time of sorrow. Aunt Cile was very special to us and many that knew her.

With a sincere Thank You,
The Family of Lucille Forker

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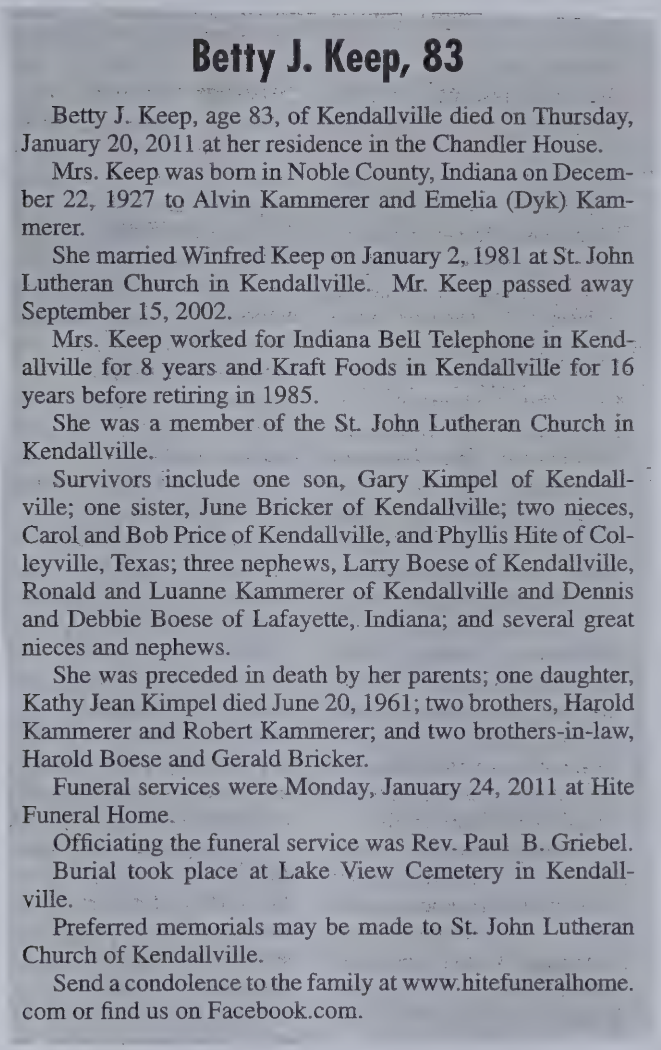

Betty J. Keep, 83

Betty J. Keep, age 83, of Kendallville died on Thursday, January 20, 2011 at her residence in the Chandler House.

Mrs. Keep was born in Noble County, Indiana on December 22, 1927 to Alvin Kammerer and Emelia (Dyk) Kammerer.

She married Winfred Keep on January 2, 1981 at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville. Mr. Keep passed away September 15, 2002.

Mrs. Keep worked for Indiana Bell Telephone in Kendallville for 8 years and Kraft Foods in Kendallville for 16 years before retiring in 1985.

She was a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Survivors include one son, Gary Kimpel of Kendallville; one sister, June Bricker of Kendallville; two nieces, Carol and Bob Price of Kendallville, and Phyllis Hite of Colleyville, Texas; three nephews, Larry Boese of Kendallville, Ronald and Luanne Kammerer of Kendallville and Dennis and Debbie Boese of Lafayette, Indiana; and several great nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Kathy Jean Kimpel died June 20, 1961; two brothers, Harold Kammerer and Robert Kammerer; and two brothers-in-law, Harold Boese and Gerald Bricker.

Funeral services were Monday, January 24, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

Burial took place at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to St. John Lutheran Church of Kendallville.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com or find us on Facebook.com.

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Dorothy K. Leighty, 87

Dorothy K. Leighty, age 87, of Kendallville died on Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mrs. Leighty was born in Boyceville, Wisconsin on January 29, 1923 to Ernest Karlen and Ella (Ziehr) Karlen.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1941.

Dorothy married Marve Leighty on June 12, 1943 at St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and he preceded her in death August 14, 1997

She was a homemaker all of her life. She also was a librarian with the Orange Township Library in Rome City for many years and retired from the Kendallville Public Library in 1999.

She was an active member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

Dorothy was a member and past president of the American Legion Auxillary Unit #86, a member and past president of the Farmerettes Home demonstration Club, member and past president of the Noble County Extension Homemakers and was the current president of the Provena Sacred Heart Home Resident Council where she resided the past five years.

She enjoyed knitting for all of her family and friends and liked making poppies for the American Legion Auxillary. Dorothy also volunteered many hours over many years with the Noble County Fair.

Dorothy was a wonderful mother, homemaker and grandma "GG".

Survivors include:

Sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Linda Leighty of Kendallville and Richard and Doris Leighty of Churubusco; daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Ira Magginnis of Kendallville; four grandchildren, Phillip and Julie Leighty of Kendallville, Elizabeth and Nelson Salazar of Houston, Texas, Jennifer and Allan Dodd of Fort Wayne, and Jeanette and Billy Perry of Fort Wayne; three great-grandchildren, Michael Dodd, Zackery Leighty and Kaitlyn Leighty; sisters, Lorraine Seidel of Kendallville, Patricia (Arthur) Flickinger of Fairfax Station, Virginia; sister-in-law, Bondell Leighty of Kendallville; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Eugene and Connie Leighty of Kendallville; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Marve Leighty; two sisters, Ardis Jean Karlen and Lois Kester; one infant brother, Robert Karlen; brothers-in-law; Norman Seidel, Frank Leighty, and Wayne Kester; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Harry and Josephine Clouse; and niece, Kathy (Flickinger) Seals.

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Funeral services were Saturday, January 22, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Robert Shriner.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to Provena Sacred Heart Home activities fund, or the American Legion Auxillary Unit #86.

Casketbearers were Ron Leighty, Duane Leighty, Dan Leighty, Larry Leighty, Ed Peffer, and Gary Clouse.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com or find us on Facebook.com.

Gene Smolek, 86

Gene 'Smoke' Smolek, husband, father, brother, and friend, died peacefully at home on Tuesday, January 18, 2011, after a brief battle with leukemia. He was 86 years old.

The son of the late James and Agnes (Minarik) Smolek, he was born in Churubusco, Indiana, graduated from Arcola High School and lived in Kendallville for more than sixty years.

A U.S. Navy veteran of WWII, he started a trucking business after discharge, hauling lumber and produce from the south to local markets. He married June Theresa Ross on June 6, 1951.

In the 1950's, with his father, he opened a brick and stone yard, buying and selling products for many area homes and businesses. Later he moved into farm products, hauling grains, fertilizers, and other items for local farmers and mills.

He finished his trucking career with Hudson Trucking, working out of the local Kraft Foods plant and maintaining their fleet of trailers.

An avid self taught golfer who carried a single digit handicap into his eighties, retirement led him to Noble Hawk Golf Links, where he worked and played from it's opening

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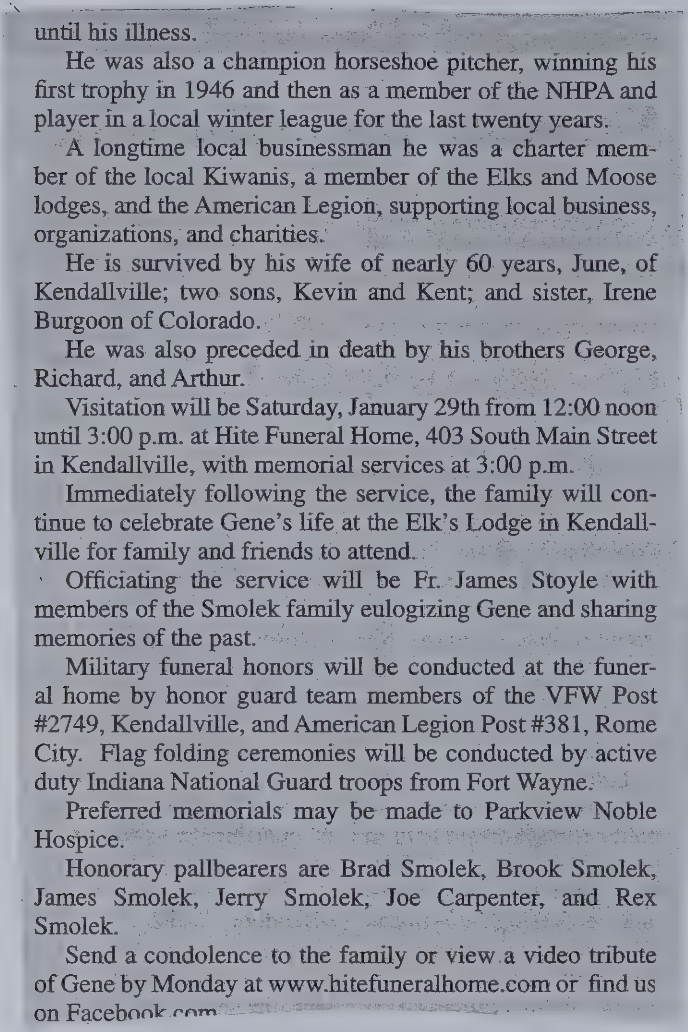

until his illness.

He was also a champion horseshoe pitcher, winning his first trophy in 1946 and then as a member of the NHPA and player in a local winter league for the last twenty years.

A longtime local businessman he was a charter member of the local Kiwanis, a member of the Elks and Moose lodges, and the American Legion, supporting local business, organizations, and charities.

He is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, June, of Kendallville; two sons, Kevin and Kent; and sister, Irene Burgoon of Colorado.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers George, Richard, and Arthur.

Visitation will be Saturday, January 29th from 12:00 noon until 3:00 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street in Kendallville, with memorial services at 3:00 p.m.

Immediately following the service, the family will continue to celebrate Gene's life at the Elk's Lodge in Kendallville for family and friends to attend.

Officiating the service will be Fr. James Stoyle with members of the Smolek family eulogizing Gene and sharing memories of the past.

Military funeral honors will be conducted at the funeral home by honor guard team members of the VFW Post #2749, Kendallville, and American Legion Post #381, Rome City. Flag folding ceremonies will be conducted by active duty Indiana National Guard troops from Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials may be made to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Honorary pallbearers are Brad Smolek, Brook Smolek, James Smolek, Jerry Smolek, Joe Carpenter, and Rex Smolek.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Gene by Monday at www.hitefuneralhome.com or find us on Facebook.com

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John Haiflich Sr.

AUBURN — John W. Haiflich Sr., 85, died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, at his home in rural Auburn.

Mr. Haiflich

Mr. Haiflich worked as a switchboard operator for the B&O Railroad for 11 years. He later went to work as maintenance supervisor for Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne for 14 years, retiring in 1981.

He was a member of Meese Chapel United Methodist Church in rural Auburn and served as church superintendent for several years.

He was a volunteer firefighter for the Jackson Township Fire Department for more than 20 years and was very instrumental in getting the fire station built.

He was born May 10, 1925, in Roanoke to Jesse and Edith (Wiser) Haiflich.

He married Marybell Brown on May 14, 1944. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Arkie E. and Clara Haiflich of Auburn, John W. "Bill" Jr. and Debra Haiflich of Auburn, and Stanley D. and Julie Haiflich of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Marilyn J. Carpenter of Auburn, and Nancy K. and Lester Boylan Jr. of Auburn; 14 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Doris Kummer of Fort Wayne and Rosalie Hamilton of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son-in-law, Philip P. Carpenter; a daughter-in-law, Laurie A. Haiflich; two brothers, Dallas Haiflich and Norman Haiflich; and two sisters, Lucille Swaim and Jennie Krafft.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. John Erwin officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday and from 1-2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association or the Alzheimer's Association.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Douglas Barton

ANGOLA — Douglas J. Barton, 61, of Angola died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011 at Cameron Memorial Hospital, Angola.

Services are pending at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

A full obituary and service times will be in Friday's edition.

Treva Rex

LIGONIER — Treva Opal Rex, 104, of Ligonier died Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at her home of natural causes.

She was a lifetime area resident and a dedicated homemaker.

Mrs. Rex

Mrs. Rex graduated from Topeka High School in 1923.

She had attended the EUB in Ligonier for several years.

She was born March 30, 1906, in Topeka, Indiana, to Orson O. and Cora Belle (Gibson) Marshall. She married Roy W. Rex on April 19, 1924. He preceded her in death in 1972.

Surviving are a son, James L. (Patricia) Rex of Woodburn, Ind.; two daughters, Betty Jane (Jim) Tuvell of Ligonier and Mary Lou Poyser of Ligonier; four grandchildren, Debbie (Richard) Tuvell-Thies of Zionsville, Ind., Lisa (Mark) Tuvell-Hauguel of Ligonier, Troy (Mindy) Rex of Grabill, Ind., and Todd (Laura) Rex of Fort Wayne, Ind.; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three sisters, Erma Price, Lois Carpenter and Orpha Deter; and a grandson, John Tuvell.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 29, 2011, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Chaplain Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Diana Cole

ANGOLA — Diana Lynn Cole, 65, of Angola died Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Cole was the court recorder for the Steuben Superior Court.

Mrs. Cole

She attended the Fairview Missionary Church in Angola.

Mrs. Cole was born December 21, 1945, in Clarksburg, W.Va., to Tommy and Florence (Jenkins) Meredith. She married Billy J. "B.J." Cole on December 21, 2007. He survives.

Also surviving are two daughters, Debra Coffel and Lisa Stuart, both of Chantilly, Va.; two brothers, Randy Meredith of Kinderhook, Mich., and William Brooks of McDonough, Ga.; two sisters, Charlene (Joseph) Demchok of Michigan City and Vicki (Don) Sheets of Angola; and one grandchild, Korie Coffel of Columbus, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a son, James Parks.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, January 29, 2011, at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola with the Rev. Norm Fuller and the Rev. David Cole officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery in Steuben County.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Memorials are to Project Help or Fairview Missionary Church, Angola.

You may sign the guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

Arthur Kurtz III

FREMONT — Arthur G "Art" Kurtz III, 65, of Fremont died on Friday, Jan. 21, 2011, at his residence.

Mr. Kurtz

Mr. Kurtz was a sales representative at ITT Semiconductor for more than 10 years.

He was born March 8, 1945, in Walla Walla, Wash., the son of Arthur G. Kurtz II and Eunice E. (Lahrman) Kurtz.

Surviving are his two brothers, Eric (Diane) Kurtz and Kevin (Jill) Kurtz, both of Fort Wayne; two aunts, Roselyn Dechart of Bountiful, Utah, and Wilma Maggart of Lancaster, Ohio; and many friends at Lake James and Snow Lake.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, with calling from noon to 3 p.m. Pastor Robert Arenobine will officiate.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Healthcare & Hospice or donor's choice.

Send condolences online to www.klaehnfahlmelton.com.

N. Dean Beverly

LAGRANGE — N. Dean "Duck Butter" Beverly, 53, of LaGrange died Monday, Jan. 17, 2011, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Beverly was a lifetime area resident. He was a truck driver owner and operator.

Mr. Beverly

He was born Oct. 18, 1957, in Bryan, Ohio, to Bill and Colleen (Beattie) Beverly. He married Tonya Tullos on March 27, 2003, in LaGrange. She survives.

Also surviving are a son, Johnathon Beverly of LaGrange; his mother, Colleen Noragon of Rome City; his father, Bill Beverly of Winterhaven, Fla.; and a brother, Chris J. Deel of Rome City.

A memorial service will be at noon Saturday at the Church of the Stone, 7270 S. S.R. 9, Wolcottville, with Pastor Mike Stanley officiating.

The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church.

Preferred memorials are to a scholarship fund for his son, Johnathon Beverly, in care of Farmers State Bank, 220 S. Detroit St., LaGrange, IN 46761.

Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Fannie Schlabach

SHIPSHEWANA — Fannie Schlabach, 84, of Shipshewana died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2011. at her residence.

Visitation will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Friday at the LaVern Beechy residence, 5580 W. C.R. 200N, Shipshewana. Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday Beechy residence. Burial will be in East Barren Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Denise Garrison

MIDDLEBURY — Denise Hope Garrison, 49, of Middlebury, died Monday, January 24, 2011.

Calling is Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. A memorial service will follow with the Rev. Ken Weaver officiating. Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Cecil Whitman

HAMILTON — Cecil D. Whitman, 83, died Wednesday at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

Elizabeth Hershberger

LAGRANGE — Elizabeth Hershberger, 49, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, at her residence.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today at Shore Mennonite Church, 7236 W. C.R. 100N, Shipshewana.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at the church. Burial will be in Rosewood Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Edward Walsh

AUBURN — Edward J. Walsh, age 60, of Palm Springs, Calif., and formerly Indianapolis, Ind., died Monday, January 24, 2011, in Palm Springs.

Ed was born November 12, 1950, in Memphis, Tenn. to Frank J. and Sally J. (Cheek) Walsh and they preceded him in death. Ed worked for Melvin Simon Properties of Indianapolis, Ind., for 20 years, before moving to California

He was a 1968 graduate of DeKalb High School and a 1972 graduate of Indiana University.

He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Cathy and Tom Smith of Auburn, Ind.; three nephews, Todd J. Smith of Syracuse, Ind., Troy D. Smith and his wife Jennifer Zdobylak of Hobart, Ind., and Tyson L. Smith of Indianapolis, Ind.; and a great-nephew, Kyle D. Smith of Hobart, Ind.

Respecting Ed's wishes, cremation has taken place. A family memorial service will be held at a later date.

For those wishing to make a memorial contribution, the family request memorials to the American Cancer Society, DeKalb County Chapter. Cancer was a battle Ed fought twice.

Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett, Ind., is in charge of arrangements.

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Glen Hanes

AUBURN — Glenn Deloss Hanes, 91, of Auburn died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Hanes worked as a livestock handler and meat cutter for the Parrott Packing Co. in New Haven. He was also a well known self-employed photographer in Auburn.

He was a member of the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Auburn and also served on the church scouting committee.

He was born Sept. 27, 1919, DeKalb County to George and Gladys (Berry) Hanes.

He married Naomi Thompson on Feb. 26, 1944. She died Feb. 21, 2010.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Howard and Luanne Hanes of Advance, N.C., David and Janetta Hanes of Auburn, and Jack Hanes of Bowling Green, Ky.; a sister, Nila Hanes of Auburn; five grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife; a daughter-in-law, Pamela Hanes; and a sister, Dorothy Frazee.

A memorial service will take place at 11 a.m. Saturday at First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ, 910 N. Indiana Ave., Auburn, with the Rev. Walter Coy officiating.

The family will receive friends from 10-11 a.m. Saturday prior to the service at the church.

There will be a private family burial on Saturday at Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is handling arrangements.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclarkcom.

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Rollover crash kills Waterloo man

WATERLOO — A Waterloo man died Thursday at 1:30 a.m. when a rollover crash ejected him from his car, the DeKalb County Sheriff's Department said.

Cody S. Collin, 23, was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash by the DeKalb County coroner, a news release said. The report said Collin died of blunt-force trauma and internal injuries.

Police said Collin was driving southbound in the 3100 block of C.R. 27, just north of C.R. 32, when he drove off the east side of the road. His car went through a wire fence, struck a utility pole and landed on its top in the front yard at 3183 C.R. 27.

Police said Collin was not wearing a seat belt and was ejected from the car. Rescuers found him lying under the car on the rear passenger side.

DeKalb County Sheriff's Deputy Larry Elzey investigated the crash. County police received assistance from the Auburn Police Department, Waterloo Marshal's Department, Waterloo Fire Department, DeKalb EMS and NIPSCO electric utility.

Wynemia Greer

KENDALLVILLE — Wynemia J. Greer, 79, of Kendallville and formerly of Merriam died Wednesday, Jan. 26,2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 1-6 p.m. Sunday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Fairfield Center Cemetery.

Memorials are to VFW Post 2749 Women's Axillary.

Condolences may be sent online to www.hitefuneralhome.com.

A complete obituary will appear in Saturday's edition.

Cody Collin

AUBURN — Cody Stuart Collin, 23, of Auburn died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

A full obituary will appear Saturday's edition.

Kathleen Eastman

LAGRANGE — Kathleen L. Eastman, 59, died Wednesday evening at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

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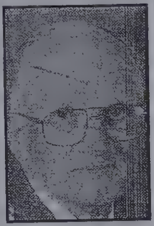
Cecil Whitman

HAMILTON — Cecil D. Whitman, 83, died Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.


Mr. Whitman

He was born on September 24, 1927, in Troy Township, DeKalb County, to Eugene and Bertha (Rosenberry) Whitman.

Cecil worked at Crane Edmund and Rods of Indiana. He also was a retired farmer.

Mr. Whitman has served as the Troy Township trustee for 20 years, retiring this year.

He served in the U. S. Army.

Cecil married Joan L. Rickerd on February 10, 1950, in Butler.

Survivors include his wife, Joan Whitman of Hamilton; a son, Jerry Whitman of Hamilton; two daughters and a son-in-law, Janalee and Terry Ulm of Butler and Sherri Strock of Butler; a brother, Harold Whitman of Bryan, Ohio; a sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Marshall Horn of Lafayette, Indiana; five grandchildren, Vicki and Fred Richmond of Butler, Bruce and Dana Strock of Butler, Lynn Clouse of Missouri, Stacey Whitman of Fort Wayne, and Stephanie Whitman of Butler; four great-grandchildren, Caitlin and Erikka Richmond and Megan and Erin Strock; and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Tyler and Tatiana Richmond.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a son-in-law, Jerry Strock; a brother, Vernon Whitman; and a grandson, Scott Whitman.

Memorial services will be Saturday at 3 p.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating.

Calling will be from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday.

Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery at a later date.

Preferred memorials are to the DeKalb Heart Association or donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Calling will also be today from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the church.

Memorials may be directed the Pleasant Lake Mennonite Church or to the family in care of Karen Knapp.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Keith Deters

ANGOLA — Keith A. Deters, 54, of Angola died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Deters

Mr. Deters was the owner of Deters Electric.

He was a member of the Angola Elks Lodge and the Fremont Moose Lodge.

He was born Sept. 12, 1956, in LaCrosse, Wis., to Duane and Delores (Ranzenberger) Deters. They survive in Caledonia, Minn.

He married Jeanie D. Aldrich Sept. 26, 1998. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jaime and Kevin Everetts of Apple Valley, Minn.; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Paul and Jackie Deters of Eitzen, Minn., Bruce and Betty Deters of Angola, Eric and Jodi Deters of Spring Valley, Minn. and Bryan and Diane Deters of Houston, Minn.; and several nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Sunday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Visitation will be form 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Elks National Foundation Scholarship Fund.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

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Sovilla Helmuth

LAGRANGE — Sovilla M. Helmuth, 87, of LaGrange died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011, at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mrs. Helmuth

Mrs. Helmuth was a lifetime resident of LaGrange County and a homemaker.

She was a member of Lake Bethel Mennonite Church in LaGrange.

She was born Dec. 23, 1923, in Shipshewana to David J. and Mary Ann (Weirich) Kaufman. She married John I. Helmuth on Nov. 5, 1942 ,in LaGrange. He preceded her in death May 23, 2006.

Surviving are three sons and a daughter-in-law, Melvin and Marcia Helmuth of Hudson, Eli Helmuth of Angola and Stan Helmuth of Pleasant Lake; five grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Gertrude Schwartz of Goshen.

Also preceding her in death were her parents; a son, Ervin Lee Helmuth in 1959; two sisters; and four brothers.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Mervin Miller officiating.

Burial will be in Shore Cemetery in Shipshewana.

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Lake Bethel Mennonite Church.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Douglas Barton

ANGOLA — Douglas J. Barton, 61, of Angola died Tuesday, Jan. 25, 2011, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Barton

Mr. Barton was the general manager of the Angola branch of Jack Henry and Associates.

He was a member of the Army National Guard.

Mr. Barton was a member of the Angola Christian Church where he served as an elder. He was president of the Gideons International, Angola Camp.

Mr. Baron has served as an assistant Scout Master.

He was born July 21, 1949, in Elkhart to Marcus and Mary Anne (Stanley) Barton. They survive in Elkhart.

He married Mary Newnam on June 1, 1973. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, Matthew Barton of Angola and Michael and Megan Barton of Tanzania, East Africa; and a brother, Kim Barton of Elkhart.

Funeral services will be at noon Monday at the Angola Christian Church, 1297 N. C.R. 200W, Angola, with Pastor Jim Hulbert officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Zion Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to noon Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the Angola Christian Church, Gideons International or Pioneer Bible Translators.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

Betty Whiteleather

AUBURN — Betty L. Whiteleather, 85, died Wednesday, January 26, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Betty was born June 4, 1925, in Elkhart to George W. and Elizabeth K. (Malloy) Whiteleather. They have both passed away.

She worked in the Tool Room at G.E. in Fort Wayne for 39 years before retiring in 1985. She was a member of the Elex Club.

She loved sports and was active when she was younger in softball and basketball. She played for Gomf's 1952 National Champion Basketball Team.

She is survived by a brother and sister-in-law, Max and Betty Whiteleather of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother, Dean Whiteleather.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, January 30, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 South Wayne Street, Waterloo. Calling is two hours prior to the service from 1 to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the Diabetes Association.

To view an obituary or send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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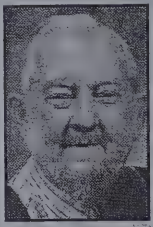
William Knapp

PLEASANT LAKE — William Albert Knapp, 75, of Pleasant Lake and formerly of Hicksville, Ohio, died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2011, at his home surrounded by his beloved family and friends.



Mr. Knapp

William Knapp was born July 1, 1935, in Fort Wayne, to Ross Bolton and Mary (Sunday) Knapp.

He attended Scipio School and went on to finish his education in the armed forces.

Bill loved the outdoors, fishing, hunting, traveling, and just spending time with his family, friends, and extended family in the Amish community.

He was a member of the Pleasant Lake Mennonite Church where he enjoyed singing and activities with the church that surrounded him with his faith in God.

He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend.

Bill is survived by his wife of 48 years, Karen (Hart) Knapp of Pleasant Lake; two daughters and a son-in-law, Nancy and Don Renner of Hamilton, and Billi Jo Robinson of Angola; three sons and daughters-in-law, Kenneth Knapp of Antwerp, Ohio, William Jr. and Chris Knapp of Osseo, Mich., and Richard and Angela Knapp of Pleasant Lake; his grandchildren, Amy Klanderud, James Cook, Trisha Cook, Amy, Brian, Lori, and Jason Renner, Heather Huebner, Jared Knapp, Chelsea and Megan Knapp, Tasha, Ashley, Derek, and Dustin Smith; Ashley Oberlin, Cody and Paige Parsons, and Samantha, Christopher, and Jada Robinson; and his great-grandchildren, Gage, Ethan, Spencer, Keegan, Kyle, Max, Zane, Zion, Payton, and Richard.

He is also survived by three brothers and sisters-in-law, Larry and Melanie Knapp of Georgia, John "Butch" Knapp of Antwerp, Ohio, and Steve and Sue Knapp of Antwerp, Ohio; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Donna and Max Timbrook of Mitchell, Lou and Jack Payne of St. Petersburg, Fla., and Judy Gray of Winston Salem, N.C.; and a brother-in-law, Richard Hissong of Woodburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Betty Hissong.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Pleasant Lake Mennonite Church, 5142 Old 27, Pleasant Lake, with visitation from 10-11 a.m. Pastor Lynn Eicher will be officiating. Burial will be in Hillside Cemetery in Pleasant Lake.

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John 'Jack' Robinson

ALBION — John E. "Jack" Robinson, 80, a longtime Albion resident, died at 4:52 p.m. on Thursday, January 27, 2011, at the Northridge Village in Albion. He had been in declining health for the last year.

Mr. Robinson

He was born on November 11, 1930, in Vincennes, Indiana, and was the only child of the late William J. and Helen (Halter) Robinson. On June 16, 1951, at the Historic Old Cathedral in Vincennes he married Joan Whitfield. She survives in Albion.

He graduated in 1948 from Lincoln High School in Vincennes and from Purdue University with a degree in agriculture. He also graduated from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

Jack was very dedicated to public service and law enforcement. He retired from the Noble County Sheriff's Department as a road deputy, serving the county from 1978 to 1996. Prior to working for the Sheriff's Department, he was employed by the town of Albion as a deputy marshal and as the town marshal.

Mr. Robinson and his family moved to Albion 55 years ago, coming from the Vincennes area. When they moved here, Jack was employed by ABS, then went to work as the manager of the Chain O' Lakes State Park in Albion in its early formation. After that duty, his strong dedication to law enforcement began.

Besides law enforcement, Jack dedicated many years to other forms of community service as well. He was a longtime member of the Albion Fire Department, charter member of the Albion Lions Club, Noble County Civil Defense, Knights of Columbus and worked with the St. Gaspar's Catholic Church Boy Scouts Troop.

Along with his wife Joan, he was very active in the Noble County Democratic Central Committee. He was also a member of the Noble County Law Enforcement Association.

He and his wife Joan attend the Saint Gaspar's Catholic Church in Rome City.

Other survivors include two sons and three daughters-in-law, John E. (Nancy) Robinson of Albion, Joseph W. (Diane) Robinson of Albion and Debra Robinson of Albion; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sarah (George) Lund of Princeton, Minnesota, and Mary Ann (Mathias) Smith of Albion; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was prececed in death by a son, William A. Robinson.

Mass of Christian Burial will be on Monday, January 31, 2011, at 11 a.m. at St. Gaspar's Catholic Church in Rome City. Father Bernard Ramenaden will officiate.

Visitation will be on Sunday, January 30, 2011, from 2 to 6 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Visitation is also one hour prior to the funeral on Monday. A prayer service will be conducted at 6 on Sunday evening.

Cremation will follow and graveside services will be at a later date in Vincennes, Indiana.

Please make memorials to the Noble County Community Foundation John E. and Joan E. Robinson Fund, or to the Noble County Democrat Scholarship Fund.

Henry Franks Sr.

MIDDLEBURY — Henry E. Franks Sr., 64, of Middlebury died Friday, Jan. 28, 2011, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Visitation will be from 1-4 p.m. Sunday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury.

Funeral and military services will be at 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family to assist with funeral expenses.

Howard Michlow

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Howard Donald Michlow of Louisville and formerly of Auburn died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2011, at the VA Hospital of Louisville.

There will be no services.

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Mary Walker

HAMILTON — Mary D. Walker, 84, of Hamilton died of natural causes on Jan 5, 2011, at her home.

Born Mary Louise Dufford in Bartlesville, Oklahoma, May 22, 1926, Mrs. Walker graduated from College High and attended Oklahoma State University where she studied fine arts and modern dance.

Her father and mother, Carl and Orris (Williams) Dufford, were active in the local business community. Mary had one sibling, her younger brother Gene.

She married her childhood sweetheart John C.F. Walker III, also of Bartlesville, in 1944, just prior to his overseas service in North Africa during World War II.

After the war, Mr. and Mrs. Walker lived in State College, Pennsylvania, where he attended graduate school in electronics engineering and worked in the fledgling computer industry. They later moved to Fort Wayne and then Hamilton.

John preceded her in death in 2002.

Mary taught modern and ballroom dance and participated in community affairs including The League of Women Voters. She was raised in the Methodist Church, her husband John as a Presbyterian, and they compromised on the Unitarian Universalist Church to raise their children in.

Along with John, she was an avid horseback rider. She made sure all her children knew how to ride and dance. She was a Cub Scout Den Mother and helped John in his work as a Boy Scout leader.

Mary was a lifelong animal lover. Neighbors knew she would take in an orphan kitten or homeless dog. Her strongest desire was to remain home all her life to be with her animals, and this she did.

Mrs. Walker is survived by her two sons, Frederick and John, and daughter Judy.

The family asks any remembrances be in the form of donations to the Humane Society or Steuben County Animal Shelter.

Cody Collin

AUBURN — Cody Stuart Collin, 23, of Auburn died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident.

Mr. Collin

Cody was born April 28, 1987, in Fort Kent, Maine.

He was a 2005 graduate of DeKalb High School.

He was a HVAC Tech with Korte Electric in Fort Wayne.

Cody's life had many different passions including playing pool, fishing, rodeos, four wheeling, his truck, anything to do with the outdoors, family, friends, but the main one being the love of his life, Sarah Bush.

He is survived by his mother and stepfather, Machelle and John Pepple of Waterloo; his father and his spouse, Claude Collin of Fort Kent, Maine; his stepbrother and his fiancee, Jim Pepple and Ashley Parrish of Fort Wayne; three nieces, Zoe, Ava and Lily; his girlfriend, Sarah Bush of St. Joe; his maternal grandmother, Marrietta Stuart of Auburn; his paternal grandmother, Patricia Collin of Fort Kent, Maine; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, Donald Stuart, and his paternal grandfather, Yvon Collin.

A Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Monday, Jan. 31, 2011, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Bill Neidhart officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the reciting of the Rosary taking place at 1:45 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Pallbearers are Adam Robertson, P.J. Poling, Jim Pepple, Grant Crabtree, Justin Heileman, Nick Grate and B.J. Gipple.

Memorials may be directed to the DeKalb County Humane Society.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Margaret Chamberlain

WOLCOTTVILLE — Margaret L. Chamberlain, 81, of Wolcottville died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital in LaGrange.

Mrs. Chamberlain was a homemaker.

She was born Feb. 4, 1929, in Kenton, Ohio, to William and Louise (Sheldon) Johnson. She married Albert L. Chamberlain on Aug. 2, 1947. He preceded her in death May 4, 2010.

Surviving are two sons, Norman and Diana Chamberlain of Monroe and Michael and Irene Chamberlain of Wolcottville; a daughter, Kathleen and Larry Bowman of Woodburn; seven grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Sylvester Johnson of Bucyrus, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Kenneth Johnson and Ronald Johnson and two sisters, Rose Johnson and Elaine Miller.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Price Funeral Home, 123 N. Main St., Kenton, Ohio, with Pastor Jay Carter officiating. Burial will be in Dunkirk Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 1-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Woodburn Children's Christian Home in Woodburn.

Donald McKee

KENDALLVILLE — Donald McKee, 87, died Friday, Jan. 28, 2011, at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Mary E. Watson

FORT WAYNE — Mary E. Watson, 73, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital Inpatient.

Memorial services will be at 1:30 p.m. today at the First Presbyterian Church, 300 W. Wayne St.

Memorials are to Camp Whatcha Wanna Do.

D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Jeromy Graham

JACKSON, Mich. — Jeromy Scott Graham, 31, of Jackson and formerly of the Angola area died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Graham had attended Prairie Heights schools, Angola High School and Fremont High School.

Surviving are his parents, James and Jeanne Graham of Dunnellon, Fla., and formerly of Angola; his wife, Tina Martino; his daughters, Nikki Day of Angola and Lauren Graham of Jackson; and his siblings, Jeff and Jason Graham of Linden, Texas, Rachael Pfefferkorn of Fremont, Laura Hensel of Lapeer, Mich., and Susannah Preston of Davison, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Albert "Daddy" and Genevieve Graham.

Private burial services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Monte Mynhier

WOLCOTTVILLE — Monte G. Mynhier, 79, of Wolcottville died Friday, January 28, 2011.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, State Road 9 North, Wolcottville.

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Kenneth Claudy

PLEASANT LAKE — Kenneth John Claudy, 81, of Pleasant Lake died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011, in Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Claudy had worked 24 years at Duo Therm in LaGrange.

He was an ordained pastor and served as part-time pastor in several area churches. He had also been a hospice volunteer for 10 years.

Mr. Claudy was a member of the Salem Center Presbyterian Church. He was the former president of the Associated Churches in Steuben County.

Mr. Claudy graduated from Mishawaka High School.

He was a U.S. Army veteran who served during the Korean War.

He was born May 25, 1929, in Hammond to Ralph and Lillie Ruth (Tumbleson) Claudy. He married Liticia "Tish" Ludeman on April 7, 1956. She survives in Pleasant Lake.

Also surviving are four sons, Aaron Kent (Tatiana) Claudy of Pleasant Lake, Brett Wade (Jean) Claudy of Ocean Springs, Miss., Cyril (Kyong son "Sonny") Claudy of Crooked Lake, Angola, and Zara Daniel (Jennifer) Claudy of Hudson; a brother, Joseph W. Claudy of New Whiteland, Ind.; a sister, Alice Dove of New Palestine, Ind.; six grandchildren; one stepgrandchild; and one great-niece.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Lillian Claudy.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Russell Hepler officiating.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Tuesday.

Memorials are to Cameron Hospice and Home Health.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

Elvis Lawson

AUBURN — Elvis Mitchel Lawson, 39, of Auburn died Thursday, Jan. 20, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A memorial gathering will be Tuesday from 10 a.m. to noon at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Laurence Stayner

BUTLER — Laurence Elmer Stayner, 98, of Butler died Friday, Jan. 28, 2011, at St. Joe Hospice, Fort Wayne.

There are no services or calling.

Midwest Funeral Home and Cremation is handling arrangements.

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By the numbers

Rose helped number rural Steuben County addresses

BY JENNIFER DECKER
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ANGOLA — Ronald Rose, who helped number Steuben County, was known as a community-minded, old-fashioned businessman, a real estate agent and developer.

Mr. Rose, 83, of Angola, died Dec. 4 in Wauchula, Fla.

He was born Dec. 21, 1926, in Angola to Graydon and Wilmet (Aldrich) Rose. On March 17, 1950, he married Barbara Penner Rose, and they celebrated 60 years as husband and wife.

"I worked at Christie's Sweet Shop in Angola as a soda jerk," Barbara said about how they met. "He was a Tri-State student and would come up there."

One of Mr. Rose's daughters, Kathy Aldrich, said she always will remember her father laughing and being fun-loving. That was what she focused on in delivering the eulogy at his funeral service.

"He loved real estate and Steuben County. Railroads fascinated him," Aldrich said. "Dad loved anything with wheels, odd cars and animals. He had a '39 Australian pickup truck. He loved square dancing, and he couldn't dance. That left-right thing was confining."

Aldrich said her dad also raised donkeys and at one time had eight or nine, including a little burro he named Poncho. Aldrich recalled Poncho even pulled a little cart, but one time refused to go across a bridge all the way. Her dad went out and had to finish carrying Poncho across to the other side.

To Craig Rice, owner of Booth-Rose-Krebs Real Estate in Angola, Mr. Rose was a mentor and close friend.

"I've known him a long time. I worked for him from 1984 to retirement," Rice said. "If you had a problem ... you could ask him, and he'd tell you a story."

Rice said Mr. Rose was involved in all types of real estate and liked to talk about such transactions. He also developed property in the area, including some around Golden and Jimmerson lakes.

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Mr. Rose

Not very many people know that Mr. Rose and his lifelong friend of 70 years, Ralph Martin, helped number Steuben County, Rice said.

"They numbered the homes and gave everyone an address. Those two old guys — they took an old van and put in an old desk and drove all over (numbering)," Rice said.

"One would drive and the other would run the books," Barbara said about the numbering. "They followed what another county did. They had a lot of fun and went down all those old back roads."

Barbara said it was nothing for Mr. Rose to suddenly leave a family reunion if a potential real estate customer came along. She said he was an old-fashioned businessman who was honest and stood by his word.

Fred Beck, a real estate agent, was a partner with Mr. Rose for two years in Booth-Rose-Krebs Real Estate.

"He was a very honorable person and tried to be fair," Beck said. "It was my honor to be partners with him and the late Jack Andrews."

Mr. Rose was quite active in the community. He was a former member of the Angola Lions Club, the Northeast Indiana Board of Realtors, the Captain Cabin's Screwball Club, NATMUS and the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, a Steuben County treasurer of eight years, a Steuben County councilman for eight years, a member of the board of directors at the Angola State Bank, a member of Angola American Legion Post 31, an Angola High School 1944 graduate and a 1948 graduate of Tri-State College in Angola, where he studied business.

Barbara said her husband also enjoyed antique tractors and toys and old cars. He liked to feed the birds two or three times a day, especially when cardinals came to eat at 4 p.m. daily.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran.

Barbara said Mr. Rose was in his glory when he got to sit in his easy chair surrounded by his family and their white cat, Sherman.

"Sherman still looks for him and sleeps on Grandpa's blanket. I can't wash it, because it has Ron's scent on it," Barbara said.

He survived by this wife, Barbara, of Angola; two daughters Kathy (Greg) Aldrich of Angola and Karen (Jerry) Brown of Wauseon, Ohio; one brother Charles (Donna) Rose of Bluffton, S.C.; two sisters Harriet (Paul) Auginbaugh of St. Petersburg, Fla. and Martha Latson of Angola; five grandchildren: Ronald Aldrich, Brent Aldrich, Sarah Brown, Tom Brown and Mark Brown. He will be missed by his cat, Sherman. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Dean Rose and Duane Rose.

Funeral services were conducted by the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. Military graveside services were conducted by the Angola American Legion Post 31 at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Memorials may be made to Powers Church and the Steuben County Humane Society.

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Crash kills man

Head-on collision leaves Angola resident dead

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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ANGOLA — An Angola man was killed Saturday morning when his vehicle collided head-on with another vehicle on S.R. 127 just south of C.R. 400N.

Mark A. Rowe, 54, died at the scene due to blunt force trauma, according to a Steuben County Sheriff's Department news release.

At about 5:17 a.m., Elisha Glass, 18, of Columbus, Ohio, was driving southbound on S.R. 127 when her vehicle went left of center on a curve just south of C.R. 400N. The vehicle traveled into the path of Rowe's northbound vehicle, according to police.

The two vehicles collided head-on in the northbound lane.

Glass complained of pain to her shoulder and a leg and was transported by Steuben County EMS to Cameron Hospital in Angola for treatment. She was later released.

Rowe was pinned in his vehicle and pronounced dead at the scene.

Both drivers were wearing seatbelts and airbags deployed in both vehicles, according to police.

There were no signs of drug or alcohol use involved in the accident.

S.R. 127 was closed for about 90 minutes.

The accident remains under investigation.

Berthella Stevens

BREMEN — Berthella May Stevens, 90, of Bremen died Thursday, Jan. 28, 2011 in Angola.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011 at Mishler Funeral Home, Bremen. Burial will follow in Bremen Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011, and one hour before the services on Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Madison Township Lions Club.

Gerald Maldeney

KENDALLVILLE — Gerald R. Maldeney, 86, of Kendallville, and formerly of Auburn, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011 at Kendallville Manor Healthcare in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

A full obituary will appear in Monday's edition.

Edwina Collins

FREMONT — Edwina Collins, 84, of Fremont, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011 at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Mark Rowe

ANGOLA — Mark A. Rowe of Angola died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Joyce Hevel

ANGOLA — Joyce Hevel of Angola died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

Kathleen Eastman

LAGRANGE: Kathleen L. Eastman, 59, died Wednesday, Jan. 26, 2011 at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She formerly worked at EMF Corporation in Angola.

She was born on August 8, 1951 in Trenton, Mich. to the late Leon and Ida (Butler) Bortles. She married Robert Lynn Eastman Jr. on March 21, 2001 in LaGrange.

Survivors include: a son and fiancée, Richard (Erin Norris) of LaGrange; a daughter, Lyndi Barrick of Ashley; two brothers, Tom Adams of Milan, Mich., and Duane Adams of Clinton, Mich.; and a sister, Ilene Love of Atlanta, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her husband Robert Lynn Eastman, Jr.

Arrangements by H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

To leave condolences go to: www.hejohnsonfh.com

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Everett Miller

LAGRANGE — Everett L. Miller, 96, of LaGrange, died Friday, January 28, 2011 at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

He was born February 3, 1914 in Noble County, Ind., to Harry and Zena (Marrow) Miller.

Everett moved to LaGrange County in 1920 from Noble County and graduated from Topeka High School in 1932. He worked as a stock buyer at Brady's Stockyard for 40 years and was a member of the LaGrange United Methodist Church.

Mr. Miller

Everett also served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a member of the LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

He married Josephine Nelson on June 14, 1936 in Goshen, Ind. She preceded him in death on November 22, 1979.

On December 10, 1986, he married M. Louise (Van Huss) Groh in LaGrange, Ind. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Ted and Phyllis Miller of Middlebury, Ind., Nelson and Roberta Miller of LaGrange, Ind., and Tim and Shirley Miller of Clermont, Florida; one step-daughter and son-in-law, Cynthia and Ron Troyer of LaGrange, Ind.; and a step-son, Stephen E. Groh of Houston, Texas; eight grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; and three sisters, Mary Carpenter of Nashville, Mich., Juanita Stahl and Illagene Hill, both of Goshen, Ind.

His parents and two brothers, Harry and Wayne Miller, preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at the LaGrange United Methodist Church with Rev. Chris Danielson officiating. Burial will take place in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. The LaGrange American Legion Post 215 will perform graveside military rites.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 West Michigan Street, LaGrange.

Memorials may be contributed to the Youth Fund c/o LaGrange United Methodist Church.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Gene Mynhier

WOLCOTTVILLE — Gene Mynhier, 79, of Wolcottville died unexpectedly Friday, January 28, 2011 at his residence.

Mr. Mynhier was a lifetime area resident. He graduated from Wolcottville High School. He served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955, during the Korean War. He was a farmer and a carpenter. He was also the building inspector for LaGrange County for 13 years.

Mr. Mynhier

He was a member of the Wolcottville United Methodist Church, where he served as Trustee for many years and was a member of the Methodist Men's Club.

He was born February 3, 1931, in Wolcottville to Charles Earl and Lois LaRue (Lampman) Mynhier. On October 16, 1954, in Wawaka, he married Gloria Oesch.

Surviving are his wife, Gloria Mynhier of Wolcottville; a daughter, Cathy Mynhier of Wolcottville; two grandchildren, Cory and Amy Norris of Wolcottville and Nikki Norris and her friend, Jeremy Walters of Kendallville; a great granddaughter, Ava Noelle Norris; two sisters, Lorraine Parker of Kendallville and Roberta Ober of Albion; and a brother, Robert Mynhier of Wolcottville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Leonard Mynhier.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, February 1, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. in the Wolcottville United Methodist Church with Rev. Jack Thomas officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is Monday, January 31, 2011, from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville and one hour prior to services at the church on Tuesday.

Preferred memorials are to the Wolcottville United Methodist Church or to the American Heart Association.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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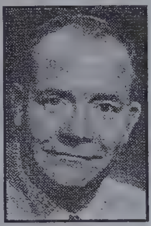
Donald McKee

KENDALLVILLE — Donald Ralph McKee, 87, of Kendallville since 1998, died on his wedding anniversary date on Friday, January 28, 2011 at Veterans Administration Northern Indiana Health Care System in Fort Wayne.

Mr. McKee was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on January 21, 1924 to the late Clayton and Etho (Kimpel) McKee.


Mr. McKee

He graduated from Farmer High School in Ohio in 1942, and entered the United States Marine Corps. He served his country during WWII in the Marine Corps as a Sergeant from 1943 to 1945.

Upon his return from the war, he married Waldora Rose Little on January 28, 1946 in Angola. The McKees started their married life in Butler but moved to Fort Wayne in 1957. After the kids were grown, Don and Waldora moved to Florida and then back to Kendallville in 1997.

Don's career began as an auto mechanic with Homer Dickerhoff Ford in Butler. Don then moved into sales where he excelled. He started the used car department at Dick Evans Volkswagon in Fort Wayne in 1957, receiving many awards for his salesmanship.

His sales career continued as he moved on to a position as Used Car Manager at DeLagrange Ford in New Haven and then Bob Jackson in Fort Wayne. Don continued to receive awards for his salesmanship including the Masters Award and Distinguished Service Award from Ford.

After he returned to Kendallville, Don delivered floral arrangements for a local florist.

Don's passion was flying airplanes, and he was a pilot who owned several planes over the years. He also had a passion for cars and racing. He enjoyed working on stock cars in his younger years, building a stock car with his cousin Homer and attended the Indianapolis 500 many times. In addition, Don and his brother Sonny would regularly go over NASCAR highlights after each race on the phone.

He was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ and the American Legion Post 86 in Kendallville. Don also enjoyed being active with the Noble County Humane Society in Kendallville.

Survivors include: his wife of 65 years "to the day," Waldora "Wally" Rose McKee of Kendallville; a son, Ronald and Gina McKee of Avilla; a daughter, Pat and Larry Lanning of Ochachobee, Florida; a daughter, Donna and Ed Tazelaar of Goshen; a daughter, Dorene and Tom Scott of Front Royal, Virginia; 14 grandchildren; 31 great grandchildren; and one great-great grandson; a brother, Glen McKee of Batesville, Georgia; a sister, Luella Kohn of North Fort Myers, Florida; and a sister, Iris Tardive of Succasunna, New Jersey.

Visitation will be Monday, January 31, 2011 from 4 to 7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Brian Walter and Pastor Jim Mertz. Burial will be later at Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton, Ohio.

Preferred memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, South Milford Church of Christ or Noble County Humane Society in Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family or view a video tribute to Don by Monday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Arrangements entrusted to Hite Funeral Home.

Annie Miller

LAGRANGE — Annie Miller, 87, of LaGrange, died at 10:40 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011 at her residence.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2001, at the Floyd R. Miller residence, 4460 West 100 South, LaGrange. Burial will be in Beechy Cemetery, LaGrange.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Monday, Jan. 31, at the Floyd R. Miller residence.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

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Wynemia Greer

KENDALLVILLE — Wynemia Joan Greer, 79, formerly of Merriam and recently of Kendallville, died on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mrs. Greer

Mrs. Greer was born in Corunna, Indiana on November 11, 1931 to the late Harold William McDonald and Pauline Dorothy (Welch) McDonald.

She graduated from Waterloo High School in 1947 and married Howard Wilson Greer on September 25, 1948 in Corunna. The Greers lived their entire married life south of Merriam until Howard preceded her in death in June 2002.

Mrs. Greer worked at Blue Bell, maker of Wrangler Jeans, in Columbia City for 15 years. She also worked at Custom Service and Adpak in Cromwell four years.

She was a member of the V.F.W. Post 2749 Women's Auxiliary in Kendallville.

Wynemia enjoyed spending time with her grandkids and baking cookies for them. She loved crocheting and working on crossword and jigsaw puzzles. She also loved gardening and canning, feeding the birds and reading.

Survivors include: daughter, Susan and Dan Weeks of Albion; daughter, Cathy and Mark Weeks of Vicksburg, Michigan; son, Ed and Steph Greer of Churubusco; daughter, JoEllen and Randy Reeve of Albion; son, Jay and Patty Greer of Wawaka; son, John and Tammy Greer of Albion; 17 grandchildren; 32 great grandchildren; and 4 great-great grandchildren; brother, Jim and Betty McDonald of Waterloo; brother, Glenn and Kat McDonald of Corunna; brother, Kenny and Karen McDonald of Kendallville; brother, Lynn and Becky McDonald of Corunna; and sister-in-law, Wava McDonald of Auburn.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Jim Greer, who died in November 2008, one grandchildren, Cody Sparks, and a brother, Charles McDonald.

Visitation is today, January 30, 2011 from 1-6 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street, Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, January 31, 2011 at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Scott Pattison. Burial will be at Fairfield Center Cemetery near Corunna.

Preferred memorials may be made to V.F.W. Post 2749.

Casketbearers will be her grandsons: Denver, Jared, James, Bubba, Jody, David, Ben, Andrew, Howard and Jason.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Wynemia by today at www.hitefuneralhome. com or find us on Facebook.com.

Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street, Kendallville, is charge of arrangements.

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Mary Kesslar

HAMILTON — Mary Jane Kesslar, 93, of Hamilton, passed away Saturday, January 29, 2011 at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange, Indiana, where she had been a resident.

Mrs. Kesslar

Mary was born March 14, 1917 in Angola, Indiana to the late Ward and Venona (Ream) Cary.

She was a 1935 graduate of Orland High School.

After her mother's death, Mary was adopted and raised by Guy and Emma Friend, who also preceded her in death. She married George L. Kesslar on August 7, 1937 in Orland, Indiana and he preceded her in death on June 10, 1989.

A devoted homemaker and mother, Mary had a deep love for animals. She was a tremendous cook and baker and also enjoyed doing arts and crafts. She was a member of the Congregational Church at Orland, but was recently unable to attend due to her health.

Surviving are her three sons, Joseph (Suzanne) Kesslar of Almo, Kentucky, James (Leslie) Kesslar of LaGrange, Indiana, and Steve (Susan) Kesslar of Hamilton, Indiana; five grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; and one great-great grandson.

She was preceded in death by her grandson, Carl Kesslar, two sisters, Aline Williams and Lois Stecke, and two brothers, John and George Cary.

Funeral services for Mary Jane Kesslar will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, January 31, 2011 at Orland Congregational Church, 202 East State Street, Orland, with Chaplain Ken Weaver officiating. Internment will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery.

Visitation for Mary Jane Kesslar will be held one hour prior to the service at the church.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home & Crematory, 3985 East Church Street, Hamilton, Indiana.

Memorial contributions in the name of Mary Jane Kesslar may be given to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com.

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Derek Griffith

GARRETT — Derek A. Griffith, 29, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011, in Auburn.

He was born on Feb. 6, 1981, in Auburn. He graduated from the American Motorcycle Institute. Derek formerly worked at National Magnesium foundry.

He is survived by his mother, Yvonne Bowker of Garrett, and two stepbrothers, Nathan Bowker of Butler and Nicholas Bowker of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Galen Bowker, and two sisters, Sarah Bowker and Tara Oberlin.

Calling will be Thursday from 3-5 p.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler.

Memorials are to the family. Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com

Elvita Mullins

LIGONIER — Elvita Mullins, 64, of Ligonier died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2011 at home.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Richard Hart

SARASOTA, Fla. — Richard Robert "Dick" Hart, 79, of Sarasota died Dec. 19, 2010.

A memorial service was held on Jan. 8, 2011, at the Church of the Palms in Sarasota.

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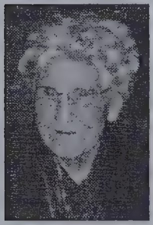
Opal Reed

AUBURN — Opal M. Reed, 99, of Auburn and formerly a longtime resident of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 11:20 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 28, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn, where she was a resident.



Mrs. Reed

Mrs. Reed was employed by the canning factory in Edgerton and retired at the age of 80 from Park View Nursing Center in Edgerton. She was a longtime member of the Edgerton United Methodist Church and was affiliated with the Butler Nazarene Church in Butler. She was an avid card player, especially euchre, and loved working crossword puzzles.

Opal M. Reed was born in Farmer Township of Defiance County, Ohio, the daughter of Richard and Rosetta (Guyse) Singleton. She married Raymond Wilson Reed in 1934 in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and he preceded her in death on April 19, 1979.

Mrs. Reed is survived by one daughter, Charlotte Feller of Auburn; nine grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

The youngest of nine children, she was also preceded in death by eight brothers and sisters and one son, Wallace Wilson Reed.

Visitation will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton, Ohio. Services will follow at 1:30 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home in Edgerton with Pastor Paul Patton officiating. Interment will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorials are requested to DeKalb Memorial Hospital Hospice Care.

To sign the online register or to send condolences, please visit www.krillfuneralservice.com

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Edwina Collins

FREMONT — Edwina Collins, 84, of Fremont died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011, at 3:10 a.m. at Northern Lakes Nursing Center, Angola.

She was born Oct. 4, 1926, in Orland to Ellis and Grace (Hassinger) Fair. She married Morris Collins on Jan. 25, 1946, in Angola. He survives in Fremont.

Mrs. Collins

Mrs. Collins retired after 20 years from Farmers Mutual Insurance in Angola and formerly worked for the Kirsch Corp. in Sturgis, Mich., making curtain rods, and during World War II, shell ammunition.

She was a 1946 graduate and class salutatorian of Orland High School. She was a member of Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, and was a long time Sunday School teacher there, as well as a member and former president of the UMW of the church. She was a member of Mill Ponders Home Economics club and the former Steuben County Home Economics Club, also was a Cub Scout den mother. She enjoyed painting, flowers, watching the birds, and was an avid reader. She had a favorite pet cat named Buddy.

Surviving are her husband, Morris Collins of Fremont; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Barton Collins of Fremont, Brett Collins of Fremont, and Todd and Sharridee Collins of Fremont; three stepgrandchildren, Heather and Josh Fansler of Fremont and Amber Richardson and Grant Richardson of Fort Wayne; and two stepgreat-grandchildren, Dylan and Shaun Fansler.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one daughter, Mari Collins, who died Oct. 5, 2000; two sisters, Eda Mae Richmond and Hilda Treesch; and one brother, Wilford Fair.

Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. today, Monday, Jan. 31, 2011 at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, and one hour of visitation from 10-11 a.m. prior to services Tuesday, at the Nevada Mills United Methodist Church, Fremont. Services will be at the church at 11 a.m. Tuesday with the Rev. Duane Stidham officiating. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials are to Nevada Mills United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com

Joyce Hevel

ANGOLA — Joyce Ann Hevel, 68, of Angola, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011, at Wesley Health Care, Auburn.

She was born Nov. 9, 1942 in Angola to Russell Hevel and Ruth (Wolf) Hevel Harmon.

Mrs. Hevel

Miss Hevel graduated from Angola High School, and Western Michigan University where she received a bachelors degree, and St. Francis College where she received her masters degree. She was executive director at RISE Inc. for 41 and a half years. She was a member of Pleasant Lake Baptist Church and the Angola Lions Club

She was a past board member of the Breeden YMCA, the Indiana Association of Rehabilitation Facilities, the American Occupational Therapy Association, Sertoma and the National Rehabilitation Association. She was the 1992 Herald Republican Women of the Year.

Surviving are one brother and sister-in-law, John and Judy Hevel of Hobart; a niece, Jodie Tomlinson of Westfield; and a nephew, James Hevel of Basehor, Kan.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011, at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, with Pastor George Foulk officiating. Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011, at the funeral home. Burial will be at Pleasant Lake Cemetery, Pleasant Lake.

Memorials are to RISE Inc. or Pleasant Lake Baptist Church, Pleasant Lake.

You may sign the guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

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Barbara Hogan

ROME CITY — Barbara J. Hogan, 70, of Rome City died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011, at 11:35 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. in St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City, with Father Bernard Ramenaden officiating. Burial will be in St. Gaspar Catholic Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be Thursday from 3-7 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, where a rosary service will be held at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic School in Avilla, or to Helping Hands in Rome City.

Carolyn Delagrange

HARLAN — Carolyn "Teddy" M. Delagrange, 77, died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011, at her home in Harlan.

Calling will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Westwood Fellowship in Woodburn. Memorial services will be Wednesday at 11 a.m. at the church with Pastor Dave Souers officiating. Family burial services will be in Woodburn Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family or to the Westwood Fellowship Church for the children's programs.

Arrangements are being handled by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Gerald Maldeney

KENDALLVILLE — Gerald R. Maldeney, 86, of Kendallville and formerly of Auburn died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare in Kendallville.

Mr. Maldeney

Mr. Maldeney was a lifetime DeKalb County farmer. He also worked for the Eagle Coal Yard for 15 years, and owned and operated the Maldeney Conoco Service Station in Auburn for more than 15 years. He retired in 1987.

He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Kendallville.

He was born Jan. 11, 1925, in Monroeville. He married Iva L. Leonard on Sept. 29, 1945, in Monroeville. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are three sons, Terry L. Maldeney of Waterloo, Tyrone R. Maldeney of Auburn, and Tim W. Maldeney of St. Joe; three daughters and sons-in-law, Judy L. Ream of Montague, Mich., Geraldine and Frank Brown of Wolcottville, and Teresa M. and Lonnie Brown of Auburn; 12 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his father, Francis X. Maldeney; mother and stepfather, Thereasa S. (Meunier) and Harry Nestbitt; a daughter, June Ann Maldeney; a son-in-law, Rod P. Ream; a daughter-in-law, Kathy Maldeney; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Francis F. and Helen Maldeney; Cletus E. Maldeney; and Charles and Stella Maldeney; and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Agnes and Forrest Sutter, and Ester and Edward Sarrazine.

A Mass of Christian burial will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Bill Neidhart officiating. Calling will be from 9-10 a.m. Wednesday prior to the service. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Calling will also be from 4-8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the Kendallville Manor Healthcare employees, in care of Terry Maldeney.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Rheba Wade

MUNCIE — Rheba Wade, 75, went to be with her Lord Jesus Christ Saturday afternoon, Jan. 29, 2011, at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Wade

She was born on Dec. 24, 1935 in Robbins, Tenn., the daughter of Samuel and Nannie Young, and lived in Rome City and Lafallette, Tenn., prior to moving to Muncie in 2000.

Rheba was a homemaker and always opened her home to friends for special times and entertaining. She was an avid golfer and enjoyed being on the course as much as possible, competing and winning in many tournaments. She loved her dear friends and golf companions at the Elks Country Club. Rheba's main passion was her love for her family.

Surviving are five children, Anita Jo Jones (Frank Wade), Parker City, Patricia A. Chambers (Bobby Bacchus), Fort Wayne, Gary M. Chambers (Gail Price), Katy, Texas, Terry K. Squires (Ted Squires), Nashville, Tenn., and Jerry L. Chambers, Muncie; eight grandsons, Brandon Holler (Shelbie), Joey Holler, Joshua Holler (Tasha), Jason Jones, Nathan Brown, Ryan Brown, Brennan Brown, and Benjamin Chambers; three granddaughters, Nicole Chambers, Shawna Jones, and Ashlyn Chambers; three great-grandchildren, Torah Holler, Mia Chambers, and Revan James Holler; Rheba's best friend, companion, and "sweetie pie", Lewis "Bud" Robertson, whom she loved dearly; her sister, Lula Mae Suter, Greenville, Ohio; several loved nieces, nephews, and cousins; and her special friend "Smokey."

She was preceded in death by her parents; her beloved husband, Alfred "Al" Wade in 2000; three brothers; and four sisters.

Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011, in The Meeks Mortuary and Crematory, Mt. Pleasant Chapel, 7901 W. Isanogel Road, Muncie. Inurnment will be at a later date in Howe Cemetery, Howe. Friends may call at the mortuary from 1 p.m. until the time of service on Saturday.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society, 2723 S. Albright Road, Kokomo, IN 46902.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.meeksmortuary.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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February 1, 2011, Tuesday

Kathleen Costanza

ANGOLA — Kathleen Ann “Kathy” Costanza, 58, died at 4:15 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 30, 2011, at Lakeland Nursing Home, Angola.

She was client at Rise Inc. for 40 years and a member of St. Michael’s Catholic Church, Waterloo.

She was born in Auburn May 28, 1952, to Joseph R. and Thelma (Wilhelm) Costanza. They preceded her in death.

Surviving are a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Jo and Alex Reynolds of Angola; three nephews, Brett and Kim Ritter, Chad and Beth Ritter and Erik Ritter and his companion Heather; and 11 great-nephews and great-nieces.

She was also preceded in death by a brother, David R. Costanza.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at St. Michael’s Catholic Church, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord celebrating the Mass.

Burial will be in St. Michael’s’ Cemetery.

Friends may call at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, on Friday from 4-7 p.m. and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to Rise Inc.

Send condolences to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

Rosemary Hill

ALBION — Rosemary Hill, 73, of Albion died Monday, Jan. 31, 2011, at Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., with the Rev. G. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville officiating.

Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Albion.

Calling will be from 3-7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Memorials are to the Noble County Cancer Society.

A full obituary will appear in Wednesday’s paper.

Judy Schenkel

HUNTINGTON — Judy A. Schenkel, 67, of Huntington died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011, at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mary Catholic Church, 903 N. Jefferson St., Huntington. Burial will be in Mt. Calvary Cemetery at a later date.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Myers Funeral Home, Huntington Chapel, 2901 Guilford St., Huntington.

Memorials are to the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization or to the family in care in Myers Funeral Home.

Mark Rowe

ANGOLA — Mark Allen Rowe, 54, of Angola died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011, from injuries in an automobile accident in Angola.

Mr. Rowe worked in the maintenance department at the McDonald’s on the Indiana Toll Road and at the Angola McDonald’s.

He was born Dec. 1, 1956, in Angola to Lawrence A. and Mavis (Chapple) Rowe.

He married Nellie Cummings and she survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Jeffery Rowe of Angola; two daughters, Robin Rowe of Ravia, Okla., and Jennifer Rowe of Angola; a stepson, Thomas Parrish of Angola; two brothers, Lawrence B. Rowe of Angola of Wayne Rowe of Lakeland, Fla.; a sister, Donna Getz of Ava, Mo.; and five grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

A celebration of life service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at Lakeland Apartments, 201 Fox Lake Road, Angola.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials are to Weicht Funeral Home to assist with funeral expenses.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

Josiah Seigel

AUBURN — Josiah David Seigel, 9, of Auburn died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2011, at Riley Children’s Hospital in Indianapolis.

Arrangements are pending at Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn.

A full obituary will appear in Wednesday’s edition.

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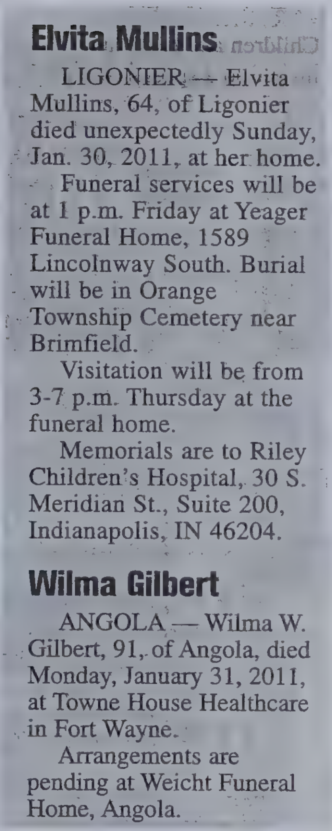


Elvita Mullins

LIGONIER — Elvita Mullins, 64, of Ligonier died unexpectedly Sunday, Jan. 30, 2011, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Friday at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South. Burial will be in Orange Township Cemetery near Brimfield.

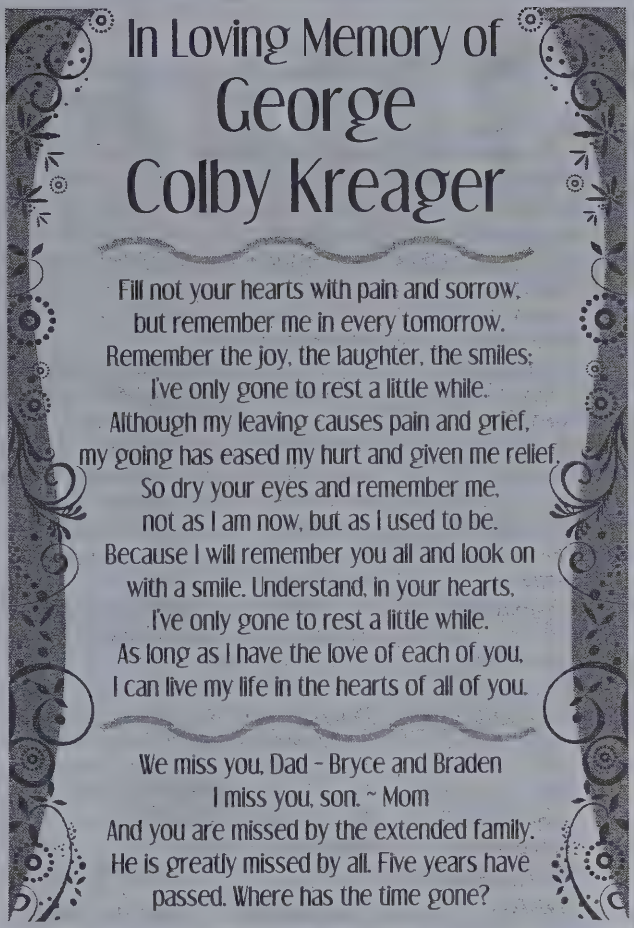
Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital, 30 S. Meridian St., Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

Wilma Gilbert

ANGOLA — Wilma W. Gilbert, 91, of Angola, died Monday, January 31, 2011, at Towne House Healthcare in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.



In Loving Memory of
George Colby Kreager

Fill not your hearts with pain and sorrow,
but remember me in every tomorrow.
Remember the joy, the laughter, the smiles;
I've only gone to rest a little while.
Although my leaving causes pain and grief,
my going has eased my hurt and given me relief.
So dry your eyes and remember me,
not as I am now, but as I used to be.
Because I will remember you all and look on
with a smile. Understand, in your hearts,
I've only gone to rest a little while.
As long as I have the love of each of you,
I can live my life in the hearts of all of you.

We miss you, Dad - Bryce and Braden
I miss you, son. ~ Mom
And you are missed by the extended family.
He is greatly missed by all. Five years have
passed. Where has the time gone?

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February 2, 2011, Wednesday

Wilma Gilbert

ANGOLA — Wilma W. Gilbert, 91, of Angola died Sunday, January 30, 2011, at The Towne House Retirement Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gilbert had served as a dispatcher and deputy for the Steuben County Sheriff's Department for 10 years and as a dispatcher for the Angola Police Department for seven years, retiring in 1985.

She was a member of the Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola and a life member of the Cameron Hospital Auxiliary.

Mrs. Gilbert was an avid crocheter and had crocheted baby blankets and donated them to the Cameron Hospital Auxiliary.

She loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them. She also enjoyed traveling, reading mystery novels, playing cards and playing Wii Bowling with her friends at Cameron Woods.

She was born January 10, 1920, in Pleasant Lake to Albert and Charlotte (Alleshouse) Ulmer. She married Roger R. Gilbert on September 26, 1948. He died December 22, 2000.

Surviving are two sons, George W and Stacy Gilbert of Angola and Paul and Sharon Gilbert of Pleasant Lake; and seven grandchildren, Katie Gilbert, Sarah Gilbert, Jared Gilbert, Amanda Gilbert, Mark Gilbert and his wife, Fallon, Stephanie Gilbert and Steven Gilbert.

She was also preceded in death by five brothers, Wellington Ulmer, Kenneth Ulmer, Maynard Ulmer, Lawrence Ulmer and Wilbur Ulmer; and three sisters, Vivaleen Brooks, Velma Van Auken and Iona Shipe.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 5, 2011, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Alan LaRue officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery at Pleasant Lake, Ind.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday, February 4, 2011, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Pleasant View Church of Christ or RISE Inc.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

Carolyn Delagrange

HARLAN — Due to the threat of severe weather, the time and date of the memorial service for Carolyn M. "Teddy" Delagrange has been changed.

It will now be held at noon Sunday at Westwood Fellowship Church. Family burial services will be in Woodburn Evangelical Mennonite Cemetery.

Memorials are to the family or to the Westwood Fellowship Church for the children's programs.

Mrs. Delagrange died Saturday, Jan. 29, 2011, at her home in Harlan.

Arrangements are being handled by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Josiah Seigel

AUBURN — Josiah David Seigel, 9, of Auburn died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2011, at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Seigel

He was born April 26, 2001, in Auburn to Jeff and Jennifer Lynne (Bashaw) Seigel.

He was a third-grade student at Country Meadow Elementary School in Ashley.

He attended Soul's Harbor Assembly of God in rural Auburn.

Surviving are his father and stepmother, Jeff and Lyubov Seigel of Auburn; two sisters, Candy Elizabeth Seigel of Auburn, and Joy Lynne Seigel of Auburn; a brother, Michael James Seigel of Auburn; maternal grandparents, Robert N. Bashaw of Tampa, Fla., and Carey Walton of Auburn; and paternal grandparents, James L. and Ann C. Seigel of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Jennifer Lynne Seigel on March 31, 2008.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Soul's Harbor Assembly of God, 3810 C.R. 40A, Auburn, with calling from noon to 1 p.m. Saturday at the church. Pastor David Snodderly will be officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will also be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to Ronald McDonald House at Riley Hospital for Children, 702 Barnhill Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Rosemary Hill

ALBION — Rosemary Hill, 73, of Albion died Monday, January 31, 2011 at 7:15 a.m. in Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Kendallville.

Mrs. Hill

Mrs. Hill was a 1955 graduate of Albion Jefferson High School.

She was a farm wife. She had also worked at the Kendallville Sears store in the credit department and as a crew chief of catering at the former V & A Restaurant in Kendallville. She helped to manage the Noble County Pork Producers fair stand for several years.

Rosemary enjoyed cooking, canning and sewing.

She was born October 17, 1937, in DeKalb County to Kenneth and Eva Mae (Hoffman) Donley. On August 25, 1957, she married Max E. Hill. He survives in Albion.

Also surviving is a brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Charlene Donley of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Marna Donley of Fort Wayne; several nieces and nephews; and an aunt, Garnet Stephens of Hartford City.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Randy J. Hill in 1982; and a brother, Larry Donley.

Funeral services will be Saturday, February 5, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. G. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Albion.

Calling will be Friday, February 4, 2011, from 3-7 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to the Noble County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Harry Dove Jr.

ANGOLA — Harry J. Dove Jr., 85, of Angola died Monday, Jan. 31, 2011, at Northern Lakes Rehabilitation & Nursing Home in Angola.

There will be no services or calling.

Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery.

THE FAMILY OF

JUNE K. HASKINS

would like to thank everyone who sent flowers, cards, prayers and brought in food for the family. We would like to thank Feller Funeral Home and Pastor Percey Young for their help.

WE THANK YOU

Gary Culler

ELGIN, Ill. — Gary Culler of Elgin, Ill., and formerly of DeKalb County, Ind., died at his home on Thursday, Jan. 27, 2011.

Mr. Culler had spent most of his life in Chicago as an antique dealer. He later retired in Elgin.

He was a graduate of Butler High School and serve four years in the Army.

He was born Feb. 12, 1940, to Roy and Bertha Culler.

He is survived by two sisters, Eileen Ridgway of Auburn and Pat Little of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Wayne and Keith Culler; and a sister, Diana Engle Glaze.

A private family service and burial will be held at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn at a later date.

Feller and Clark Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Barbara Hogan

ROME CITY — Barbara J. Hogan, 70, of Rome City died Saturday, January 29, 2011 at 11:35 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Hogan was a 1958 graduate of Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne. In 2002, she retired from Campbell & Fetter Bank in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hogan

She was a member of St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City, where she had served on the Parish Council for many years. She was a member of the Rosary Sodality.

Barb enjoyed her grandchildren and all of their activities, reading, living at Sylvan Lake, and antiquing with her Antiquesters Club.

She had a strong inner strength, and showed this throughout her life especially during her illness.

She was born January 30, 1940, in Fort Wayne to Francis and Helen (Youtsey) Maldeney. On February 24, 1962, in Fort Wayne she married Dennis J. Hogan. He survives in Rome City.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Mark S. and Michelle Hogan of Huntington; two daughters and sons-in-law, Kelly L. and Daniel Morris of Rome City and Leigh Ann and Rick Pranger of Rome City; three grandchildren, Matt Hogan, and Melany and Molly Morris; a sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Les Kerr of Fort Myers, Florida; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bernard "Buck" and Diane Maldeney of Fort Wayne and Robert and Sandy Maldeney of Huntertown; and a brother-in-law, David Aker of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Sharon "Pink" Aker.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday, February 4, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. in St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City, with Father Bernard Ramenaden officiating. Burial will be in St. Gaspar Catholic Cemetery at a later date.

Calling will be Thursday, February 3, 2011, from 3 to 7 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, where a rosary service will be held at 7 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to St. Mary's Catholic School in Avilla or to Helping Hands in Rome City.

View a video tribute after Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 2, 2011, Wednesday

Marie A. Diffendarfer, 84

Marie A. Diffendarfer, 84, a resident of Churubusco and widow of Homer A. Diffendarfer, passed away at 11:00 p. m. on Monday, January 24, 2011, at Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne. She had suffered an apparent brain hemorrhage on Thursday, and had been hospitalized since that time.

Mrs. Diffendarfer was born in Smith Township on August 16, 1926, a daughter of Roy and Florence Alice (Raypole) Gordon. She spent her formative years in the Churubusco-area, and graduated from Churubusco High School in 1944.

On October 19, 1945 she was married in Columbia City to Homer A. Diffendarfer. She lived all of her adult life in Churubusco, and had lived at her current home for over 40 years.

As a young woman she was employed at General Electric in Fort Wayne, and was later employed in the town offices for the Town of Churubusco. She enjoyed playing Euchre with her card club friends, served on the Churubusco election board for several years, and most importantly loved and cherished her family and friends. She had also enjoyed spending several winters in Bradenton, Florida.

Mr. Diffendarfer preceded her in death on April 1, 1978.

The surviving relatives include her daughters Kay Lawrence of Churubusco and Sharon (Roy) Pepple of Sedalia, Col; four grandchildren Paula (Dave) Burke of Huntington, Scott (Robin) Minnick of Spencerville, Brian (Robin) Minnick of Butler and serving his fourth term in the Middle East with the USAF, and Shawn (Stacy) Pepple of Sedalia, Col; and six great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers Gene Gordon and Tony Gordon; a sister Jane Lesh; and by a granddaughter Nicole Pepple.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 29, 2011, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Larry Smith, pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment was in the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be directed to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

To leave a condolence for the family in Mrs. Diffendarfer's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
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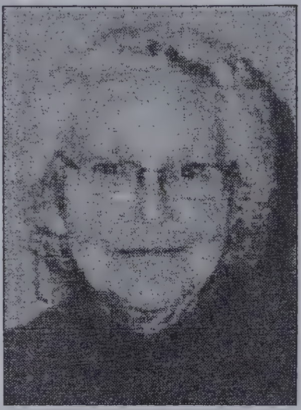
February 2, 2011, Wednesday

Wynemia Joan Greer, 79



Wynemia Joan Greer, age 79, formerly of Merriam and recently of Kendallville, died on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 at Parkview Memorial Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mrs. Greer was born in Corunna, Indiana on November 11, 1931 to the late Harold William McDonald and Pauline Dorothy (Welch) McDonald.

She graduated from Waterloo High School in 1947 and married Howard Wilson Greer on September 25, 1948 in Corunna. The Greers lived their entire married life south of Merriam until Howard preceded her death in June 2002.

Mrs. Greer worked at Blue Bell, maker of Wrangler Jeans, in Columbia City for 15 years. She also worked at Custom Service and Adpak in Cromwell four years.

She was a member of the V.F.W. Post #2749, Women's Auxillary in Kendallville.

Wynemia enjoyed spending time with her grandkids and baking cookies for them. She loved crocheting and working on crossword and jigsaw puzzles. She also loved gardening and canning, feeding the birds and reading.

Survivors include her daughters, Susan and Dan Weeks of Albion, Cathy and Marks Weeks of Vicksburg, Michigan, and JoEllen and Randy Reeve of Albion; sons, Ed and Steph Greer of Churubusco, Jay and Patty Greer of Wawaka, and John and Tammy Greer of Albion; 17 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; 4 great-great-grandchildren; brothers, Jim and Betty McDonald of Waterloo, Glenn and Kat McDonald of Corunna, Kenny and Karen McDonald of Kendallville, and Lynn and Becky McDonald of Corunna; sister-in-law, Wava McDonald of Auburn.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Jim Greer, who died in November 2008; one grandchild, Cody Sparks; and a brother, Charles McDonald.

Funeral services were Monday, January 31, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Scott Pattison.

Burial was at Fairfield Center Cemetery near Corunna.

Preferred memorials may be made to V.F.W. Post #2749.

Casketbearers were her grandsons; Denver, Jared, James, Bubba, Jody, David, Ben, Andrew, Howard, and Jason.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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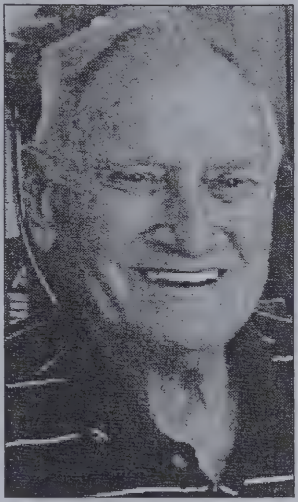
February 2, 2011, Wednesday

Jim D. Kay, 77



Jim D. Kay, 77, of Clanton, Alabama died Wednesday, January 19, 2011 in Cherokee, North Carolina.

He was born February 10, 1933 in Morocco, Indiana to the late Milton William and Blanche May (Purdy) Kay. He graduated from Morocco High School and attended Arkansas State University.

He served in the United States Army for twenty-two years, with two tours in Japan, a tour in Korea, and three tours in Vietnam. He was awarded the "Outstanding Military Citizen of Georgia" award for his commitment to community service.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church and the American Legion. He was active in Lions Clubs International, and previously served as district governor for Lions Club chapters in Georgia and Alabama. While a resident of Florida, he was elected mayor of the town of Oakland. Jim especially enjoyed family reunions, traveling, gardening, and his cats.

In addition to his wife of 58 years, Dorothy A. Savoie Kay, he is survived by their five children: John Kay, Galivan Ferry, SC, Steve Kay and wife, Dot, of Thomson, GA; Bill Kay and wife, Susan, of North Augusta, SC; Michael Kay and wife, Paige, of Smithfield, NC; Judy Pair and husband, Mike, of Birmingham, AL; and Joe Kay and wife, Linda, of Noblesville, IN, and a brother, Charles Kay, Albion, IN.

He is also survived by ten grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Alabama Lions Sight Conservation Association, Inc., 700 18th St. South, Birmingham, AL 35233.

Funeral services were held Monday January 24, 2011, at Morocca First United Methodist Church.

Pastor Greg Wagoner & Pastor Greg Nobles officiated. Interment followed at Morocco Cemetery.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 2, 2011, Wednesday

Josephine D. Wolf, 92

Josephine D. Wolf, age 92, of Ligonier, passed away on Monday, January 24, 2011 at 12:45 PM at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

She was born on April 27, 1918 in Noble County to Tony and Fern (Moschel) Kreager. On August 29, 1940 she married Chester H. Wolf. He preceded her death in November 10, 1986.

Mrs. Wolf was a lifetime area resident. She worked as a cook at Perry School in Ligonier for many years. She was also a member of Stone's Hill Community Church and a member of the Eastern Star and The Golden Girls Club.

Survivors include one son, Larry W. (Susie) Wolf of Ligonier; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two siblings, Robert Kreager of Klinger Lake, MI, and Ruth Elijah of Ligonier. She was preceded in death by her husband; one daughter, Judy Sullivan; and five siblings.

A funeral service was held in her honor on Thursday, January 27, 2011 at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, IN with Pastor Joey Nelson of Stone's Hill Community Church and Pastor Mitch Moser officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Pallbearers were Jed Mooris, Bryan Dyar, Jeff House, Erik Leamon, Jordan Short and Taylor Short. Honorary pallbearers were Todd Oesch and Tom Ritchie.

Memorial contributions are to the Salvation Army-3100 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46208.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 2, 2011, Wednesday

Elvita Mullins, 64

Elvita Mullins, age 64, of Ligonier, IN passed away unexpectedly following a brief illness on Sunday, January 30, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at her residence in Ligonier.

She was born on November 23, 1946 to Herbert and Daisy (Chaffins) Slone in Floyd County Kentucky.

Mrs. Mullins moved to the area in the 1960's coming from Kentucky. She was a dedicated homemaker and was very devoted to her family, especially all of her grandchildren whom she loved dearly.

Survivors include one son, Roger D. Mullins of Ligonier; one daughter, Denisa (Eric) Hildebrand of Ligonier; seven grandchildren, Nicole, Tiffany, Elizabeth, Derrick, Cameron, Maggie and Courtney; one great-granddaughter, Mackenzie; one brother, Lewie (Marlene Martin) Slone of Kendallville; one sister, Carolyn (Delbert Terry) Hicks of Kendallville. She was preceded in death by her parents.

There will be a funeral service held in her honor on Friday, February 4, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN. Burial will be in Orange Township Cemetery in Brimfield, IN.

A time of visitation will be held on Thursday, February 3, 2011 from 3-7 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home.

Memorial contributions are to Riley's Children's Hospital, 30 South Meridian St., Suite 200, Indianapolis, IN 46204.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 2, 2011, Wednesday

Treva O. Rex, 104

Treva Opal Rex, age 104, of Ligonier passed away Tuesday, January 25, 2011, at her home of natural causes.

She was a lifetime area resident and a dedicated homemaker. Mrs. Rex graduated from Topeka High School in 1923. She had attended the EUB in Ligonier for several years.

She was born March 30, 1906, in Topeka, Indiana, to Orson O. and Cora Belle (Gibson) Marshall. She married Roy W. Rex on April 19, 1924. He preceded her in death in 1972.

Surviving are a son, James L. (Patricia) Rex of Woodburn, Ind.; two daughters, Betty Jane (Jim) Tuvell of Ligonier and Mary Lou Poyser of Ligonier; four grandchildren, Debbie (Richard) Tuvell-Thies of Zionsville, Ind., Lisa (Mark) Tuvell-Hauguel of Ligonier, Troy (Mindy) Rex of Grabill, Ind., and Todd (Laura) Rex of Fort Wayne, Ind.; and seven great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; three sisters, Erma Price, Lois Carpenter and Orpha Deter; and a grandson, John Tuvell.

Funeral services were Saturday, January 29, 2011, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Chaplain Ken Weaver officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 2, 2011, Wednesday

Rosemary Hill, 73

Rosemary Hill, 73, of Albion died Monday, January 31, 2011 at 7:15 a.m. in Hickory Creek Nursing Home, Kendallville.

Mrs. Hill was a 1955 graduate of Albion Jefferson High School. She was a farm wife. She had also worked at the Kendallville Sears Store in the Credit Department and as a crew chief of catering at the former V & A Restaurant in Kendallville. She helped to manage the Noble County Pork Producers fair stand for several years.

Rosemary enjoyed cooking, canning, and sewing.

She was born October 17, 1937, in DeKalb County to Kenneth & Eva Mae (Hoffman) Donley. On August 25, 1957, she married Max E. Hill. He survives in Albion.

Also surviving is a brother and sister-in-law, Carl and Charlene Donley of Fort Wayne; a sister-in-law, Marna Donley of Fort Wayne; several nieces and nephews; and an aunt, Garnet Stephens of Hartford City.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Randy J. Hill in 1982; and a brother, Larry Donley.

Funeral services will be Saturday, February 5, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville, with Rev. G. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Albion.

Calling will be Friday, February 4, 2011, from 3 to 7 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to the Noble County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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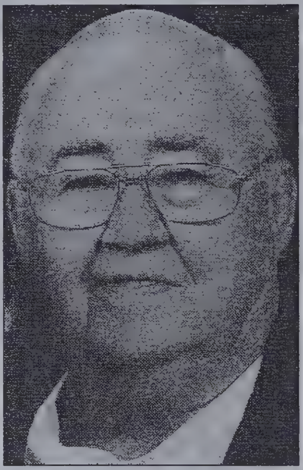
John E. Robinson, 80



John E. "Jack" Robinson, 80, longtime Albion resident, died at 4:52 P.M. on Thursday, January 27, 2011 at the Northridge Village in Albion. He had been in declining health for the last year.

He was born on November 11, 1930 in Vincennes, Indiana, and was the only child of the late William J. and Helen (Halter) Robinson. On June 16, 1951 at the Historic Old Cathederal in Vincennes he married Joan Whitfield. She survives in Albion.

He graduated from Lincoln High School in Vincennes in the class of 1948 and he graduated from Purdue University with a degree in Agriculture, and also from the Indiana Law Enforcement Academy.

Jack was very dedicated to public service and law enforcement. He retired from the Noble County Sheriff's Department as a road Deputy, serving the county from 1978 to 1996. Prior to working for the sheriffs department he was employed by the town of Albion as a Deputy Marshall and as the Town Marshall.

Mr. Robinson and his family moved to Albion 55 years ago, coming from the Vincennes area. When they moved here, Jack was employed by ABS. He then went to work as the Manager of the Chain O' Lakes State Park in Albion in its early formation. After that duty his strong dedication to law enforcement began.

Besides law enforcement, Jack dedicated many years to other forms of community service as well. He was a longtime member of the Albion Fire Department, Charter member of the Albion Lions Club, Noble County Civil Defense, Knights of Columbus, and worked with the St. Gaspar's Catholic Church Boy Scouts Troop. Along with his wife Joan, he was very active in the Noble County Democrat Central Committee. He was also a member of the Noble County Law Enforcement Association.

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He and his wife Joan attend the Saint Gaspar's Catholic Church in Rome City.

Other survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, John E. (Nancy) Robinson of Albion, and Joseph W. (Diane) Robinson of Albion; two daughters and sons-in-law, Sarah (George) Lund of Princeton, Minnesota, and Mary Ann (Mathias) Smith of Albion; a daughter-in-law, Debra Robinson, and deceased son, William A. Robinson; 11 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

Mass of Christian Burial was on Monday, January 31, 2011 at St. Gaspars Catholic Church in Rome City. Father Bernard Ramenaden officiated.

A prayer service was conducted on Sunday evening.

Cremation followed and graveside services will be at a later date in Vincennes, Indiana.

Please make memorials to the Noble County Community Foundation, John E. and Joan E. Robinson Fund, or to the Noble County Democrat Scholarship Fund.

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Donald R. McKee, 87

Donald Ralph McKee, age 87, of Kendallville since 1998, died on his wedding anniversary date, on Friday, January 28, 2011 at Veterans Administration Northern Indiana Health Care System in Fort Wayne.

Mr. McKee was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on January 21, 1924 to the late Clayton and Etho (Kimpel) McKee.

He graduated from Farmer High School in Ohio in 1942 and entered the United States Marine Corps. He served his country during WWII in the Marine Corps as Sgt. from 1943 to 1945.

Upon his return from the war, he married Waldora Rose Little on January 28, 1946 in Angola. The McKees started their married life in Butler and moved to Ft. Wayne in 1957. After the kids were grown, Don and Waldora moved to Florida and then back to Kendallville in 1997.

Don's career began as an auto mechanic with Homer Dickerhoff Ford in Butler. Don then moved into sales where he excelled. He started the used-car department at Dick Evan's Volkswagen in Ft. Wayne in 1957, receiving many awards for his salesmanship. His sales career continued as he moved on to a position as Used Car Manager at DeLagrange Ford in New Haven and then Bob Jackson Ford in Ft. Wayne.

Don continued to receive awards for his salesmanship including the Masters Award and Distinguished Service Award from Ford. After he returned to Kendallville, Don delivered

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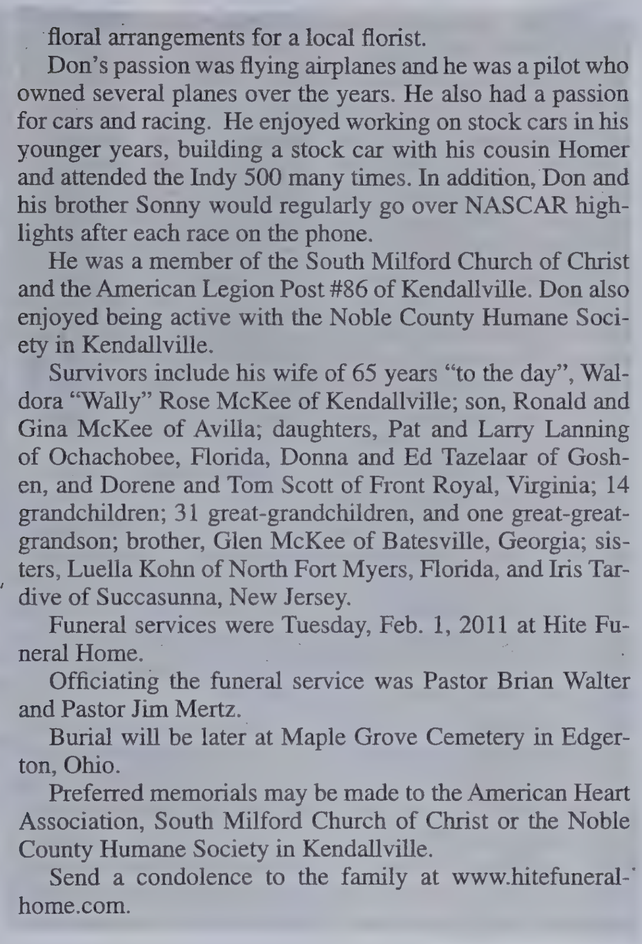

floral arrangements for a local florist.

Don's passion was flying airplanes and he was a pilot who owned several planes over the years. He also had a passion for cars and racing. He enjoyed working on stock cars in his younger years, building a stock car with his cousin Homer and attended the Indy 500 many times. In addition, Don and his brother Sonny would regularly go over NASCAR highlights after each race on the phone.

He was a member of the South Milford Church of Christ and the American Legion Post #86 of Kendallville. Don also enjoyed being active with the Noble County Humane Society in Kendallville.

Survivors include his wife of 65 years "to the day", Waldora "Wally" Rose McKee of Kendallville; son, Ronald and Gina McKee of Avilla; daughters, Pat and Larry Lanning of Ochachobee, Florida, Donna and Ed Tazelaar of Goshen, and Dorene and Tom Scott of Front Royal, Virginia; 14 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandson; brother, Glen McKee of Batesville, Georgia; sisters, Luella Kohn of North Fort Myers, Florida, and Iris Tardive of Succasunna, New Jersey.

Funeral services were Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Brian Walter and Pastor Jim Mertz.

Burial will be later at Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton, Ohio.

Preferred memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, South Milford Church of Christ or the Noble County Humane Society in Kendallville.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Patricia Mansfield

DECATUR — Patricia L. Mansfield, 78, of Decatur died at 10:38 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011, at Swiss Village Nursing Center.

Mrs. Mansfield

Mrs. Mansfield was born in Decatur, Ind., on July 14, 1932, to the late Andrew B. and Alice (Kriegel) Appelman. She married William H. Mansfield on Jan. 6, 1953.

Pat was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and its Rosary Society. She was the clerk-treasurer for the city of Decatur for 12 years.

Survivors include her husband of 58 years, William H. Mansfield of Decatur; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Scott Mansfield of Las Molinos, Calif., Mark and Lynn Mansfield of Everett, Wash., Mike and Lisa Mansfield of Marysville, Ohio, and Brett Mansfield of Casselberry, Fla.; one daughter and son-in-law, Kelly Jo and Chad Everett of Burlington, Ky.; three sisters and a brother-in-law, Miriam Stevens of Colorado Springs, Colo., Norma "Tommy" Yost of Decatur and Andrea and Tony Allison of South Bend; 11 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by two children, Lynn Marie and Anthony Joseph Mansfield, and her stepmother Bessie (Faurote) Appelman.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Friday at Haggard & Sefton Funeral Home with a reciting of the rosary at 2:30 p.m.

A 9:20 a.m. prayer service will be held Saturday at the funeral home, followed by a 10 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church. Officiating will be Father David Voors. Burial will take place in St. Joseph Cemetery at a later date.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Building Fund or Swiss Village Alperose Wing.

Sign a guest book at www.haggardandsefton.com.

Gerald Maldeney

KENDALLVILLE — Due to the severe weather, the date of the service for Gerald R. Maldeney has been changed.

It now will take place today at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with Father Bill Neidhart officiating.

Calling will be from 9-10 a.m. today at the church. Burial will be in Covington Memorial Gardens, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be directed to the Kendallville Manor Healthcare employees in care of Terry Maldeney.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Fay Killion

HUNTERTOWN — Fay L. Killion, 83, of Huntertown, died at 7:55 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Killion

He retired from General Motors after 30 years. He was a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church, Ashley.

Mr. Killion was born on Feb. 2, 1927, in Tennessee to Hubert and Laura Killion.

Surviving are his wife, Janet E. (Miller) Killion of Huntertown; five sons, Wayne (Judy) Killion of Monroe, Mich., Larry (Nancy) Killion of Monroe, Mich.; Jonathan (Diane) Killion of Indianapolis, Andrew Killion of Angola, and David Killion of Knoxville, Tenn.; four step-children, Jane Spurgeon of Fort Wayne, Lynn (Kay) Miller of Bloomfield, Ind., Rex (Peggy) Miller of Kendallville, and Kevin (Cristina) Miller of Rome City; a brother, Sherman (Brenda) Killion of Petersburg, Mich.; two sisters, Wanda (Everett) Lowery of LaSalle, Mich., and Ruth (Lewis) Mitten of Tazewell, Tenn.; 21 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Independent Full Gospel Church, Ashley, with Pastor Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery.

Visitation will be after 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to the church.

Condolences can be sent to the family at www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

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Marvin Nagel

UNION CITY, Mich. — Marvin H. Nagel, 73, of Union City died Monday, Jan. 31, 2011, at the Community Health Center of Branch County.

Mr. Nagel worked in the excavating business most of his life in Ohio and Michigan and had owned Nagel Excavating in Union City since 1985.

He was a member of the international organization of antique excavating machinery and a former member of the Elks and Moose.

Mr. Nagel had helped Ducks Unlimited with pond and wet land development.

He was born July 3, 1937, in Ridgeville, Ohio, to Harold and Luella Elizabeth (Behrman) Nagel. He married Marlene F. Miller on June 16, 1956, in Ridgeville Corners, Ohio. They were remarried on Oct. 16, 2002. in Albion, Ind. She survives.

Also surviving are his children, Marvin (Brenda) Nagel Jr., Glen (Diane) Nagel of Wolcottville, Ind., Larry (Dana) Nagel of Wolcottville, Ind., Rene (Nagel) Roggow of Cape Coral, Fla., and Ryan (Jennifer) Nagel of Union City; 11 grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two sisters; and one great-granddaughter.

Visitation will be Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Putnam Funeral Home in Union City.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday with one hour of visitation prior to the service at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Union City with the Rev. David Dodge officiating. Interment will follow at Riverside Cemetery in Union City.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Leave an online tribute by visiting www.putnamfuneralhome.com.

Sharon Stark

KENDALLVILLE — Sharon L. Stark, 80, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011, at 2:37 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel.

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Raymond Myers

ANGOLA — Raymond Clair Myers, 85, of Angola died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center.

Mr. Myers

Mr. Myers drove a fuel truck for the Steuben County Farm Bureau Coop for 37 1/2 years. He was also a van driver for the Council on Aging.

He was a member of the Angola Seventh Day Adventist Church and Angola American Legion Post 31.

Mr. Myers graduated from Scott Center High School in Steuben County.

He was a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born Aug. 18, 1925, in Steuben County to Clyde Elsworth and Jessie Marie (DeLong) Myers. He married Janis Fay Sheets April 26, 1949. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are a son, Scott (Leslie) Myers of Angola; three daughters, Nancy (Manuel) Pujols of Angola, Julie (Timothy) Hicks of Mentone and Patti (Dana) Tribble of Angola; seven grandchildren; five stepgrandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and nine stepgreat-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Lowellon Myers and Clyde Myers; and two sisters, Wanda Wyman and Wilma Bryan Frazier

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Arlin Cochran officiating. Military graveside services will be conducted by Angola American Legion Post 31 at Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home and one hour prior to the service Monday.

Memorials are to the Angola Seventh Day Adventist Church or the Angola Hospice and Home Health.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfuneralhome.com.

Sharon Stark

KENDALLVILLE — Memorial services for Sharon Lee Stark will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 12, at Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Feb. 12 at the church.

A private family burial service will take place at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Mrs. Stark, 80, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be made to Trinity Church United Methodist, 229 S. State St., Kendallville, IN 46755 or to the Friendship Food Pantry, P.O. Box 244, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

A full obituary will appear next week.

Carter Westfall

Jesus said, "Have the little children come to me."

MARION — Carter Benjamin Westfall, newborn, went to be with Jesus at 6:55 a.m. Wednesday, February 2, 2011, in Marion General Hospital.

Carter was born in Marion, Indiana, to Ben and Sarah (Bender) Westfall on Wednesday, February 2, 2011.

Funeral services are at 11 a.m. today, Friday, February 4, 2011, at College Wesleyan Church, 38th St., Marion, with the Rev. Steve DeNeff officiating.

Visitation will be today, Friday, February 4, 2011, from 10-11 a.m. at the church (one hour prior to the service).

Burial is at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 5, 2011, at St. James Lutheran Cemetery in Reynolds, Ind.

Surviving are his parents, Ben and Sarah Westfall of Marion, Ind.; a brother, Cohen Westfall, at home; his maternal grandparents, Barry and Janine Bender of Auburn, Ind.; his paternal grandparents, Greg and Julie Westfall of Brookston, Ind.; his paternal great-grandparents, Don and Anetta Fairchildof Brookston, Ind.; and several aunts and uncles.

Needham-Storey-Wampner Funeral Home, North Chapel, 1341 N. Baldwin Ave., Marion, is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be made at www.nswcares.com.

William Baker

DECATUR —William F. "Bill" Baker, 86, of Decatur died Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011.

Arrangements are pending at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home in Decatur.

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Wilma Gilbert

ANGOLA — Wilma W. Gilbert, 91, of Angola died Sunday, January 30, 2011, at The Towne House Retirement Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Gilbert had served as a dispatcher and deputy for the Steuben County Sheriff's Department for 10 years and as a dispatcher for the Angola Police Department for seven years, retiring in 1985.

She was a member of the Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola and a life member of the Cameron Hospital Auxiliary.

Mrs. Gilbert was an avid crocheter and had crocheted baby blankets and donated them to the Cameron Hospital Auxiliary.

She loved her family and enjoyed spending time with them. She also enjoyed traveling, reading mystery novels, playing cards and playing Wii Bowling with her friends at Cameron Woods.

She was born January 10, 1920, in Pleasant Lake to Albert and Charlotte (Alleshouse) Ulmer. She married Roger R. Gilbert on September 26, 1948. He died December 22, 2000.

Surviving are two sons, George W and Stacy Gilbert of Angola and Paul and Sharon Gilbert of Pleasant Lake; and seven grandchildren, Katie Gilbert, Sarah Gilbert, Jared Gilbert, Amanda Gilbert, Mark Gilbert and his wife, Fallon, Stephanie Gilbert and Steven Gilbert.

She was also preceded in death by five brothers, Wellington Ulmer, Kenneth Ulmer, Maynard Ulmer, Lawrence Ulmer and Wilbur Ulmer; and three sisters, Vivaleen Brooks, Velma Van Auken and Iona Shipe.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 5, 2011, at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Pastor Alan LaRue officiating. Burial will be in Pleasant Lake Cemetery at Pleasant Lake Ind.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. today, Friday, February 4, 2011, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Pleasant View Church of Christ or RISE Inc.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

Ical Mattson

FREMONT — Ical R. Mattson, 75, of Fremont died Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011. at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

There will be no services or calling.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Bryce Fitch

CHURUBUSCO — Bryce G. Fitch, 83, a former resident of Huntertown, died Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2011, at Life Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the Huntertown Cemetery.

Visitation will be one half hour prior to the service at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. The cortege will depart the funeral home for the cemetery at 9:30 a.m.

Leon Bowers

HAMILTON — Leon C. Bowers, 80, of Hamilton died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Leon retired from Amcast and was a parttime farmer and auctioneer at Hamilton Real Estate.

He graduated from Waterloo High School and served in the Army during the Korean conflict at Panama City, Panama.

Mr. Bowers was a lifelong member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

He was born on July 19, 1930, in rural Waterloo to Winn and Helen (Jennings) Bowers. He married Kathryn Meyer on Oct. 21, 1971. She preceded in death Jan. 11, 2006.

Surviving are three sons, Daryl Bowers of Soldotna, Alaska, Dan (Terri) Bowers of Goshen, and Mike (Deb) Meyer of Hamilton; two daughters, Amy (Brian) Dutkiewicz of Auburn and Kathy (Ron) Vanover of Noblesville, Ind.; two brothers, Loren (Mabel) Bowers of Fillmore, Calif., and Lyle (Margot) Bowers of Auburn; a sister, Virginia (Everett) Freed of Waterloo; 15 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Alan Bowers.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Dale Rabineau officiating.

Calling will be from 1-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery with military honors.

Condolences may be left at www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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Mark Penland

HAMILTON — Mark Stacy Penland, 59, of Hamilton died suddenly Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011 at his residence.

Mr. Penland

Mark was born July 10, 1951, in Angola to DeLos and Dorothy (Beardsley) Penland.

Mark served our country in the United States Marine Corps.

He was a graduate of Hamilton High School.

Mark was a line worker for the former Weatherhead Dana Corp., but more recently owned his own small engine repair shop, which he operated out of his home.

He was a member of the Orland American Legion Post 423. He was affiliated with the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

Mark was a gourmet cook, who enjoyed cooking for all his friends. He was also an avid fisherman. He was known as a "Jack of all trades," who could fix anything brought to him.

Surviving is his fiancee and companion for the past 13 years, Gail Bartlett of Hamilton; his son, Robert Weldon Penland of Turkey Lake, Indiana; his stepson, Desmond (Julie) Smolen of Coldwater, Michigan; five grandchildren, Kyana Smolen, Nikki Smolen and Kaylee Smolen of Quincy, Michigan, Carter Smolen of Coldwater, Michigan, and Issy Mendoza of Coldwater, Michigan; his parents, DeLos and Dorothy Penland of Hamilton; a sister, Kathy (Toby) Meyers of Fort Wayne, Indiana; and two brothers, Steven (Marilyn) Penland of Wheaton, Illinois, and Terry (Janet) Penland of LeSueur, Minnesota.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Paula Sewell; his maternal grandparents, Robert and Kathleen Beardsley; and his paternal grandparents, Carroll and Jeanett Penland.

Memorial services for Mark Stacy Penland will be held Sunday, February 6, 2011, in the Hamilton United Methodist Church with Pastor Jack Smith officiating.

A luncheon will begin at noon and the service will immediately follow.

Arrangements have been entrusted to Oberlin-Turnbull Funeral Home, 3985 E. Church St., Hamilton.

Memorial contributions may be given to the family or to the Hamilton United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be sent to the family or the online guest book may be signed at www.oberlinturnbull.com.

Dorothy Hilkey

AVILLA — Dorothy E. Hilkey, 97, of Avilla and formerly of Garrett and Auburn died Friday Feb. 4, 2011, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Hilkey managed the Sterns Women's Apparel Store in Garrett for 15 years.

She was a former member of First Presbyterian Church in Garrett.

She was born in Lakeview, Ohio, on Aug. 16, 1913, to George and Effie (Killough) Kennedy. She married Paul Shilling Hilkey on Dec. 26, 1931, in Auburn. He died March 29, 1990.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy Jane and Michael Reese of San Antonio, Texas; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Tori Hilkey of Auburn and Douglas and Kay Hilkey of Hudson; a brother, William Kennedy of Waterloo; nine grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two daughters, Mary Louise Wappes and Margie Ann Hilkey; two grandsons, Michael Reese and Duane Hilkey; a brother, Donald Kennedy; and three sisters, Eva Clark, Mabel Ritchinson and Vivian Helbert.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Tom Novy officiating.

Burial will be in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to Provena Sacred Heart Home or the American Cancer Society.

To view an obituary or send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Clayton Crowl

WATERLOO — Clayton K. Crowl, 84, of Waterloo died Friday Feb. 4, 2011, at his home in Waterloo.

He was born July 31, 1926, in Waterloo to the late Edward and Bertha (Clark) Crowl.

Clayton was a WWII U.S. Army veteran.

Mr. Crowl

He worked at International Harvester for 16 years, Foley Pattern for 5 years and Auburn Foundry for 22 years retiring in 1989.

He was a member of the Waterloo United Methodist Church and a lifetime member of the Waterloo VFW.

Clayton married Juanita Krontz on July 7, 1948, in Waterloo and she survives.

He is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, James Edward and Judith Crowl of Waterloo; 2 grandsons, Keith Richard Crowl and his wife, Melissa, of Auburn and Kevin Ward Crowl and his wife, Kirsten, of Fort Wayne; a great-granddaughter, Danielle Kaylynn Crowl; a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Nikki Crowl of Butler; a sister, Willidene Millspaugh of Auburn; and a sister-in-law, Delores Crowl of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, George Crowl.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo with the Rev David Mathews officiating.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is 2 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

To view an obituary or send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

David Dilley

WATERLOO — David E. Dilley, 75, of Waterloo, after battling cancer for ten months, was called home by our Lord on Friday February 4, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Dilley

David was born March 4, 1935, in Waterloo to the late George L. and Wilda C (Blue) Dilley.

David farmed for 60 years and also worked for a few years for Key Plastics.

He served for 8 years in the Navy Reserve.

He was a member of New Hope Christian Center where he served the church as a Deacon. He was a board member of DeKalb Financial Credit Union for 30 years, Farm Bureau member since 1957, Smithfield Township Advisory board member since 1976 and was a member of Farm Service Agency.

David married Judy A. Duncan on August 4, 1957, in Waterloo and she survives.

He is also survived by 3 sons and daughters-in-law, Rev. Tim E. and Deb Dilley of Portland, Dennis J. and Dawn Dilley of Kendallville and Robert A. and Wanda Dilley of Ashley; seven grandchildren, Kimberly Mouton, Rebekkah Dilley, Phillip Dilley, Carolynn Carteaux, Joshua Dilley, Kristen Dilley and Benjamin Dilley; 3 brothers and 3 sisters, Kathleen Miller of Vancouver, Wash., Martha (Rev. Jerry) Hancuff of Kelsco, Wash., Karen (Lee) Adkison of Auburn, Carl (Norma) Dilley of Ashley, Rev. Gilbert (Karon) Dilley of Auburn and John (Jan) Dilley of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Thomas D. Dilley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday, February 7, 2011, at New Hope Christian Center, Waterloo, with the Rev. Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 6 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, Ind, and also 1 hour prior to the service Monday from 10 to 11 a.m. at the church.

Memorials can be directed to New Hope Christian Center or Youth for Christ.

To view an obituary or send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Arthur Hall

ADAMS LAKE — Arthur Blaine Hall, age 89, of Adams Lake, rural Wolcottville, died on Tuesday, February 1, 2011, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange, Indiana.

Mr. Hall was born in Kendallville, Indiana, on January 21, 1922, to the late Raymond and Clara (Milbourne) Hall.

Mr. Hall

He graduated from Mongo High School.

A Purple Heart recipient, private first class Hall served his country during WWII in the United States Army from 1942 to 1945. He was a member of Company C 21st Armored Infantry Battalion which participated in the Ardennes Campaign, European African Middle Eastern Theatre, and Battle of the Bulge.

Mr. Hall was awarded the Bronze Battle Star and the Purple Heart from wounds received in action in Belgium on January 2, 1945.

When he returned from the war, he married Anna Ruth Hackett on March 9, 1945 in Auburn.

He was a retired coremaker and employed with Newnam Foundry in Kendallville.

He was a member of the Francis Vineyard VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville and the American Legion Post 381 in Rome City and attended Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Hall in the home they built together on Adams Lake; a daughter, Sandra and Gary Keck Sr. of Wall Lake; a son, John and Bonnie Hall of Kendallville; four grandchildren, John "Chip" Hall of Kendallville, Eddie Keck of Mongo, Linda and Charles Dickson of Rome City, and Crystal and Darin Ramer of Kendallville; and five great-grandchildren, Kelsey Ramer, Melissa Ramer, Christina Ramer, Eric Dickson and Nathan Dickson.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Virginia Owens

No funeral services are scheduled.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

James VonOlnhausen

LAGRANGE — James E. VonOlnhausen, 52, of Batavia, Ill., died unexpectedly on Wednesday, Feb, 2, 2011, at Delnor Community Hospital in Geneva, Ill.

He was a former software engineer for Lucent and was currently working for the Evangelical Alliance Mission (TEAM) in Carol Stream, Ill.

He was a member of Warehouse Christian Church in Aurora, Ill., Christian Motorcycle Association, KCOEM, Abate, FRLL and many other service agencies.

Mr. VonOlnhausen was born Sept. 25, 1958, in Sturgis, Mich., to William E. and Trella M. (Howard) VonOlnhausen. He married Debra J. Henderson on April 1, 1989. She survives in Batavia.

Also surviving are his mother, Trella VonOlnhausen of Howe, Ind., and a sister and brother-in-law, Ann and Dave Guldin of Adrian, Mich.

His father, William VonOlnhausen, preceded him in death Sept. 23, 1998.

Funeral services will be held at noon Monday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, Ind., with the Rev. Gary Rifenburg officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Howe.

Visitation will be one hour prior to services.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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William Baker

DECATUR — William F. "Bill" Baker, 86, of Decatur died Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011, at Adams Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Baker established Baker and Sons Plumbing in 1965. He was a former city councilman, County Commissioner and was on the Adams Memorial Hospital board.

He was a member of St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church and the Holy Name Society. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus and Moose Lodge 1311.

Mr. Baker

Mr. Baker was one of the original founders of the Decatur Baseball League and was vice president of the league when Rube Wynn field was built. He coached for more than 20 years with the youth leagues.

He was born July 2, 1924, in Decatur to Fred E. and Amelia R. (Kohne) Baker. He married Mildred I. "Millie" Blythe on Feb. 19, 1944. She died July 23, 2001. He then married L. Marie Schwartz on Oct. 7, 2006. She survives in Decatur.

Also surviving are three sons, Mike (Mary) Baker of Decatur, Denny (Susie) Bake of Coldwater, Mich., and Greg (Ann) Baker of Decatu a daughter, Sandy (Ron) Hirschy of Decatur; two sisters, Alice Fullenkamp an Lucy Filips, both of Decatur; a step daughter, Claudia Rider of Indianapolis; 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter; four brothers; and a sister.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at Haggard and Sefton Funeral Home in Decatur with reciting of the rosary at 5 p.m.

A 9:50 prayer service will be held at 9:50 a.m. Monday at the funeral home, followed by a 10:30 a.m. Mass of Christian Burial at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church with Father David Voors officiating. Burial will be in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials are to St. Mary's Church or the Decatur Baseball League.

To sign a guest book,go to www.haggardandsefton.com.

Paul Otto

TOPEKA — Paul E. Otto, 76, died unexpectedly Friday, February 4, 2011, at his home.

Funeral services are 10 a.m. Tuesday at Yoder-Culp Funeral Home with the Rev. Terry Tyler of Grace Point Presbyterian Church, Nappanee, officiating. Burial is in Eden Cemetery, Topeka.

Visitation is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Judith Short

FORT WAYNE — Judith C. Short, 62, passed away Tuesday, February 1, 2011, at her home.

Born in Fort Wayne, Ind., Judith retired as an administrative aide with Fort Wayne Community Schools.

Judy loved her family and grandkids and also enjoyed reading and cooking.

Surviving are her loving husband of 46 years Doug Short of Fort Wayne; a son, David (Barbara) Short of Fremont; a daughter, Dawn (Daniel) Shirk of Huntertown; three sisters, Pat (Brad) Knepper of Fort Wayne, Susan (Bill) Krontz of Butler and Linda Anderson of San Diego, Calif.; two brothers, Tim (Deb Fike) Gaskill of Fort Wayne and Donald (Dee) Gaskill of Butler; and her grandchildren, Cassie and Gabby.

Mrs. Short

Judith was preceded in death by her brother, Robert Gaskill.

Memorial services are at 11 a.m. Saturday, February 12, 2011, at D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, with Chaplain Karen Kosberg officiating.

Memorial calling wil be one hour prior to the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Parkview Hospice.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Good guys always wear white hats

Martin Endsley Jr. cared for patients, even prisoners

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AUBURN — Martin Endsley Jr. was a man who loved everyone, no matter who they were, said his daughter, Susan Endsley of Auburn.

She remembers her father getting close to two neighbor children, taking them under his wing and calling them his own on many occasions.

"That is how he thought of them — as his own children," Susan said.

Mr. Endsley, 77, of Auburn died Nov. 11, 2010, at Lutheran Life Villages.

Susan Endsley recalled the time her father coached the Angels, an all-African-American baseball team of 9-year-olds.

"This was during the time of segregation," she said. "But everyone was equal to him, he loved everyone, gave anyone a second chance, and he always rooted for the underdog."

Endsley's granddaughter, KayCee Pepple, remembers that spirit of love and tolerance being passed down from her grandfather.

"He would say, 'Why would it even matter what color someone's skin is?'" Pepple said. Both Susan Endsley and Pepple agree that Martin Endsley was ahead of his time.

Born in 1933 to Cecil and Woneda Endsley, Martin Endsley grew up in Marion, where he enjoyed hunting, fishing and sports. He shared those passions with his children and grandchildren, his daughter said.

Endsley received his first rifle around age 9 after showing his father that he was responsible and safety-conscious. He grew up hunting squirrels, rabbits and even snakes. Susan said every one of Endsley's children learned how to hunt, and how to clean their kill.

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Martin Endsley Jr. holds his last grandson, Drew. Endsley could frequently be seen wearing a white hat, because he believed the good guys always wore white hats.

"We never asked what we were having for dinner," Susan Endsley said. "We just knew it would taste like chicken." She said she can remember her dad's truck, full of hunting and fishing gear so that he could just take off into the wilderness and enjoy himself. She said she remembers him coming home, dropping his kill outside of the door and paying his kids a penny to skin the carcass for dinner.

"He was a hunter all of his life," Susan Endsley said.

When he wasn't hunting, she said, her father was working.

"He was a workaholic," Pepple said. After being drafted into the Army and serving two years in France during the Korean conflict, he signed on with the National Guard, earning full military honors and reaching the rank of sergeant.

Susan said during the war, her father was placed in charge of guarding Korean prisoners, and he would slip them cigarettes while they cursed him in their native tongue.

"He said he tried to treat them like humans, even though they would have killed him if he didn't watch out," Susan Endsley said. It was that compassion that everyone loved about Martin Endsley.

After the war, Martin worked as a respiratory technician at the Veterans Affairs hospital in Marion before transferring to the VA in Fort Wayne. He moved his family to Garrett and often worked two jobs to make ends meet. After working at the VA for four decades, he switched jobs to work at the Irene Byron Health Center, where he administered tuberculosis vaccinations before catching the disease himself. He spent 10 months in the hospital recovering.

His passion to help people struggling with drug and alcohol addiction was the impetus behind the creation of the center's drug rehabilitation center.

"He couldn't stand to see people battle with drugs," Susan remembered. Her father worked at the center for a while, before working for Our Friends and Neighbors for 10 years.

Susan Endsley said that to people in Marion, her father was a real-life hero, risking his own life to try saving a neighbor when her house caught fire.

"He could hear her screaming, so he crawled into the house," Susan said. The woman was unable to be saved, and Martin Endsley almost died himself in the rescue attempt. When he finally emerged, Susan said, his lungs were filled with smoke. The incident haunted him for the rest of his life, she said.

Susan said she likes to remember her father by thinking of him in a white hat, because he used to say, "Good guys always wear white hats."

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Paul Otto

TOPEKA — Paul E. Otto, 76, died unexpectedly early Friday morning, Feb. 4, 2011, at his home.

He was born Oct. 29, 1934, to Fred and Nora (Bontrager) Otto in Kokomo. After Paul's mother died at an early age his father married Mattie.

Mr. Otto

On Dec. 19, 1981, he married Nancy Lorenz Wright.

She survives with daughters, Karen (Ken) Groh of Thompson Falls, Mont., Shirley (Steve) Shriner of Goshen, Jean Otto of Posen, Ill., Joy (Steve) Hite of Goshen, Chris (Ted) Stanley of Columbia City, Cathy Schwartz of Goshen, and Carmen (Cole) Christensen of Bowling Green, Ohio; sons, Keith Wright and Kevin (Jill) Wright, both of Topeka; 16 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; sisters, Betty Yoder of Mendon, Mich., Martha (Elva) Miller of Ligonier and Clara (Levi) Bontrager of Goshen; and brothers, Lewis (Katie) Otto and Floyd Otto, both of Middlebury.

He was preceded by his parents, sisters, Fannie Simison and Edna Neal, and a granddaughter, Erika Wright.

Having lived in this area for most of his life he worked at Starcraft Marine for 38 years and retired as a supervisor. After retirement he was a driver for the Amish. He was an avid bowler for many years and loved mushroom hunting.

Services will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the Yoder-Culp Funeral Home, Goshen, with the Rev. Terry Tyler of Grace Point Presbyterian Church, Nappanee officiating. Burial will be in Eden Cemetery, Topeka.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 pm Monday at the funeral home.

Max Zehner

AUBURN — Max Eugene Zehner, 10 weeks old, died Friday Feb. 4, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Nov. 27, 2010, in Auburn to Matthew and Sarah (Trubey) Zehner of Auburn and they survive.

Also surviving are a sister and a brother, Jada Zehner and Corbin Zehner; grandparents, Denny and Patti Trubey of Garrett, Lisa Zehner of Auburn and Kurt Zehner and Juanita Meddelin of Auburn; and great-grandparents, Max and Linda Trubey of Waterloo, Peg Zehner of Auburn, Dick and Patti Reichard of Auburn, John Cain of Arizona and Lloyd Smith of Laurel, Miss.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. Dan White officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m.at the funeral home.

Condolences may be left at fellerandclark.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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February 7, 2011, Monday

Marcia Adams

FORT WAYNE — Marcia Grabill Sicard Adams, 75, of Fort Wayne, died on Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Adams

Born April 12, 1935, in Columbia City; she was the daughter of Merle and Esther (Manahan) Grabill. In her early childhood she lived for a time in Angola and later on the family farm near Flint, Ind. After graduation from Orland High School with honors, she attended Bowling Green State University in Ohio where she was a member of Phi Mu Sorority and was active in The Literary Society.

She was married to Armand Sicard of Butler, Ind., by whom she had one son, Gerard, who preceded her in death in 1993. Later she married Richard G. Adams. In addition to her parents and son, she was also preceded in death by a brother Gayle Grabill.

Her strong effervescent personality and positive approach to life enabled her to be a popular friend to many around the country and drove her to serve as a community leader. Well organized, she was a member of many philanthropic groups including board level appointments to the Fort Wayne Museum of Art and the Fort Wayne Ballet. Marcia was instrumental in the community fund drives that led to the building of the Fort Wayne Performing Arts Center and the Fort Wayne Museum of Art. She received the Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest award the governor of Indiana can bestow upon a private citizen. She was also a member of the Indiana Arts Commission, the First Presbyterian Church, and the YWCA.

She spent her later years at The Town House where she enjoyed developing perennial flower borders and landscaping projects on the grounds.

A nationally recognized American food historian, she wrote six popular prize-winning Amish and Midwestern style cookbooks published by Crown of New York. The books were then produced by her on Public Television at both WBGU-TV in Bowling Green and Maryland Public Television. The series aired in every Public Television network in the country, and she much appreciated her loyal fans. Later while waiting for a heart transplant she published two journals, Heart to Heart, and Heart Anew. Her experience with heart disease and a successful heart transplant was also produced as a Public Television documentary for which she received the renowned Telly Award.

All of her PBS work was also shown around the world on the Armed Forces Network. She was also honored by the YWCA as a Hidden Heroine for her behind the scenes work to bring increased awareness to the issue of women's heart disease.

Among her plethora of interests were collecting 20th Century Art, Works on Paper, and traveling extensively abroad, having visited all seven continents.

She is survived by her brother Gordon (Janet) Grabill of Angola; one grandchild; and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

At the request of Ms. Adams, there will be a Celebration of Life memorial gathering of family and friends at a later date. Interment in Lindenwood Cemetery will also occur at a later time with family and selected friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the YWCA of Northeast Indiana, 1610 Spy Run Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46808; or the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, 311 E. Main St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be left at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

THE NEWS SUN
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Audrey Downing

WOLCOTTVILLE — Audrey Stewart Downing, 83, of Westler Lake, Wolcottville, died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011, at 4:25 p.m. in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Downing

Mrs. Downing had lived in Wolcottville since 1957, coming from St. Louis. She had worked at the Wilmark Detective Agency while living in St. Louis. She also worked 13 years at Essex Wire in Ligonier and was a Tupperware Sales Manager.

She was an active member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville and their Wednesday Bible study group. She was a member of the Dominos Club, the LaGrange Investors Club, and the Seniors Group in Rome City.

She was born November 28, 1927, in Newman, Knott County, Kentucky, to Calvin C. "Coonie" and Ada (Collins) Conley. In April, 1944, she married Ralph Stewart in Kentucky. He preceded her in death in 1969. She married Donald Ray Downing on July 24, 1968, in Wolcottville. He preceded her in death on March 22, 1993.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, David and Candice Stewart of South Bend; two daughters and sons-in-law, Joey Ann and Nevin White of Tavares, Florida, and Charsie and Jerry Miller of Huntertown; a daughter-in-law, Diana Stewart of Wolcottville; a stepson, Steven Downing of Cameron, West Virginia; seven grandchildren, two stepgrandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; five sisters and four brothers-in-law, Zola and Jennings Ramey of Helmer, Wanita and Harold Messer of Kendallville; Geneva and Dave Klinger of South Milford, Ileen Bolen of Stroh, and Lorene and Bill Penick of Hamilton; and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Vern and Bessie Conley of South Milford and Clyde and Alma Conley of Rome City.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a son, Thomas Stewart, and three brothers, Hawley Conley, Ivory Conley, and Donald Conley.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011, at 2 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9, Wolcottville, with the Rev. Tom Clothier of First Christian Church in Kendallville and the Rev. Phillip Willard, of the Harrison Bible Baptist Church in Harrison, Ill., officiating. Burial will be in Woodland Cemetery, Wolcottville.

Calling is Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011, from 6-8 p.m. in the funeral home and one hour before services on Wednesday.

View a video tribute after Tuesday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Catherine Cunningham

BUTLER — Catherine Elizabeth Cunningham, 93, died Saturday Feb. 5, 2011, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

She was born in Bainbridge, Ohio, on Feb. 23, 1917, to Vinton O. and Blanche F. (Stultz) Drew.

She worked for the U.S. National Forest Service in California for 25 years.

Catherine has one surviving sister, Mavis Ritchie of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two husbands; Jim Minor and Gordon Cunningham; a sister Nancy Stuller; and three brothers Simeon P. Drew, William R. Drew and Kenneth Drew.

Services will be 2 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 9, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial in Waterloo Cemetery, Waterloo. Calling is two hours prior to the service from noon to 2 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the family.

To leave condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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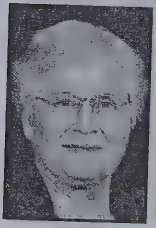
February 7, 2011, Monday

Betty DeLucenay

AUBURN — Betty Joyce DeLucenay, 80, died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011, at her home in Auburn surrounded by her family.


Mrs. DeLucenay

Mrs. DeLucenay was born Sept. 30, 1930, in Nocatee, Fla., to William and Aleph (Nipper) Smith.

She was a 1952 graduate of Orange Memorial School of Nursing in Orlando, Fla.

She was a registered nurse working for the Souder Hospital from 1956-1964, DeKalb Memorial Hospital from 1972-1983, and then the Garrett Clinic starting in 1984, until her retirement in 1995.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Auburn.

She married Glen Abraham DeLucenay on July 24, 1954, in the St. Margaret Mary Church in Winter Park, Florida. He died Dec. 6, 2010.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Michael G. and Julie DeLucenay of Syracuse; four daughters and sons-in-law, Cheryl (DeLucenay) and Bill Walker of Huntington, Sue (DeLucenay) and Gary Amerman of Auburn, Kimberly (DeLucenay) and Greg Raub of Auburn, and Kelly DeLucenay of Auburn; two sisters-in-law and a brother-in-law, Sue Smith of Arcadia, Florida, and Shirley and Ed Green of Butler, Pennsylvania; five grandchildren, David Amerman, Adam DeLucenay, Ashley DeLucenay, Nicholas Raub and Lucas Raub; and three great-grandchildren, Landin Amerman, Dawson Amerman, and Justin Stucker.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a brother, Marvin Smith; and a sister, Wilma Smith.

A Mass of Christian burial will take place at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with calling from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday prior to the service. Father Derrick Sneyd will be officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will also be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the rosary being recited at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials are directed to DeKalb Memorial Hospice, the Multiple Sclerosis Society, or masses to the church.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com

Robert Bugert

LAOTTO —Robert "Bob" Michael Bugert, 72, of LaOtto died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

A Celebration of Life gathering will be from 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

No services are planned.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society for research.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 8, 2011, Tuesday

Eileen McNeal

Mrs. McNeal

FORT WAYNE — Eileen Louise McNeal, 92, of Fort Wayne passed away, Monday, February 7, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages, Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was the daughter of the late William and Linda Butler.

She was a member of Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, working in her flowerbeds, and taking care of her house plants. She also enjoyed spending her summers at Lake James.

She is survived by her children, Robert (Sharon) McNeal of Angola and Fort Myers Beach, Fla., and Barbara (Eugene) Cabral of Fort Wayne; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and 11 great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her husband of 36 years, Henry, in 1971; a daughter, Marlene Amstutz in 2001; a granddaughter, Karen Renee McNeal in 1961; and brothers, Robert, Richard, Donald and William Butler.

Funeral service is at 2 p.m. Wednesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 S. R. 930 E., New Haven, with calling from noon to 2 p.m. prior to service. Pastor Wayne Berkesch is officiating. Burial is in St. Peter's Lutheran Cemetery, Fort Wayne. Preferred memorials are to Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

Zivko Mikovic

ANGOLA — Zivko Mikovic, 71, of Angola died Monday, Feb. 7, 2011, at Cameron Memorial Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Mikovic was a geologist.

He was born March 24, 1939, in Serbia.

He was married Aug. 18, 1988, to Uta Domdalski. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two sons, Darko Mikovic and Borko Mikovic, both in Serbia; a stepson, James Wolford of Montpelier, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Elizabeth Cary of Huntington; two brothers; two sisters; and 11 grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Private family services will be held.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association, P.O. Box 28, Angola, IN 46703.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

Patricia Bartell

ST. JOE — Patricia A. Bartell, 73, died Monday, February. 7, 2011, at her home.

She was born on December 22, 1937, in Troy Township to Arthur and Virginia (Albaugh) Sawvel. Pat married Martin S. Bartell on January 21, 1960, at Bull Rapids Church in Woodburn.

He preceded in death on April 11, 2010.

Surviving are three sons, Mark (Laura) Bartell of Fort Wayne, Jeff Bartell of St. Joe, and Arthur Bartell of Auburn; a daughter, Sara (John) Bennett of Waterloo; six grandchildren, Dawn (Dave) Scheessele, Dean Bartell, Logan Bartell, Spencer Bartell, Caszandria Bennett and Elisa Bennett; three great-grandchildren, Grant and Graham Scheessele and Ethan Bartell; and a sister-in-law, Rita Sawvel of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; two brothers Walter Sawvel and William Sawvel; and a sister, Betty Fee.

Funeral services will be Friday, February 11, 2011, at 11 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, St. Joe, with Pastor Merle Holden officiating. Burial will be Eddy Cemetery.

Visitation will be Thursday from 2 to 6 p.m. at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, and one hour prior to services.

Preferred memorials are to the church or the donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 8, 2011, Tuesday

Neva Writesel

FORT WAYNE — Neva B. Writesel, 92, a native of Noble County and a former resident of Fort Wayne, died at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, February 5, 2011, at Lutheran Medical Center in Wheat Ridge, Colorado.

Funeral services are at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Corinne K. Boruff of Churubusco United Methodist Church officiating. Burial is in Eel River Cemetery.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home 5 to 7 p.m. Friday.

The family of

Dan. C. Routsong

would like to thank everyone who helped with the celebration of his life. Although we were going through the most challenging and difficult of times, it was a comfort to know how much each person cared. We would like to thank Bryan Shearer and Yeager Funeral Home for helping Dan to his final resting place and Larry Baker for hosting his last celebration. We would like to thank Dairy Point, Charger House and Marsha Thompson who within our special Ligonier community presented us with such kindheartedness. Thank you Vinee's Pizza for making a special pizza that made it all the way to Texas just for Dan. There was also special group of ladies from Stone's Hill Community Church, who we would like to thank for providing our dinner. Dan will be missed dearly by his family and everyone who knew him. We will take comfort knowing cancer will not cause any more pain. Last but not least, we would like to thank everyone for all the flowers, cards and donations that went to the Northeastern Cancer Society of Diabetes Association. We hope this provides for someone else in need.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 9, 2011, Wednesday

Helen Stark

AUBURN — Helen Kathryn Stark, 86, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 7, 2011, at her home.

Mrs. Stark

Mrs. Stark had worked as a beauty operator in Albion.

She was a member of the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Auburn. She was also a 50-year member of the Order of the Eastern Star Prentiss Chapter 178, and the Charm and Chatter Home Economics Club.

She was born Dec. 4, 1924, in Albion to Archie and Berniece (Neufer) Bortner. She married Jack Stark on June 15, 1947, in Albion. He died March 9, 2006.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Becky A. and Allen R. Wilmes of Auburn; and a granddaughter and her husband, Katrina and Christopher Koehler of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a grandson, Mark Allen Wilmes; and two brothers, Max Bortner and Howard Bortner.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with calling from 10-11 a.m. Friday prior to the service. The Rev. Walter Coy will be officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling will also be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the First Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Wally Smith

KENDALLVILLE — Wally Hubert Smith, 79, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011, at the residence of his friend, Rosemarie Lloyd, in Kendallville.

Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith, a lifetime area resident, graduated from Kendallville High School in 1950. He served in the U.S. Marine Corp. for four years during the Korean War. He also served with the Air Force for 15 years, and was in the Army Reserves for 15 years.

He retired in April, 1996, after 28 years from No-Sag in Kendallville.

He was a life member of the VFW Post 2749 and American Legion Post 86. He was also a member of the Kendallville Moose Lodge and past president and member of the Kendallville Eagles Lodge.

He was born April 14, 1931, in Kendallville to William H. and Lena (Lung) Smith.

Surviving are three sons, Dennis Smith of Kendallville, David Smith of Kendallville and Rory Smith of Auburn; four daughters, Sheila Musser of Wolcottville, Mary Ann Ridenour of Rome City, Rosemary Shaffer of Kendallville, and Rowena Osborn of Nevada; several grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and a friend, Rosemarie Lloyd of Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Chaplain Ken Weaver officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Honor guard services will be provided by VFW Post 2749 and active members of the U.S. Army.

Calling will be from noon to 2 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 9, 2011, Wednesday

Harold Derickson

FORT WAYNE — Harold E. Derickson, 85, of Toledo, Ohio, and formerly of Fort Wayne and Garrett, died Sunday, Feb. 6, 2011 in Toledo.

Mr. Derickson

Mr. Derickson was a plumber/steamfitter with Local 166 for 40 years in Fort Wayne, retiring in 1978. He helped build many familiar area buildings including the Three Rivers Towers, the BF Goodrich Tire plant and the GM Truck plant.

He was born in Finley, Ohio, May 15, 1925.

Mr. Derickson graduated from North Side High School in 1944. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

He was a member of American Legion Post 178 in Garrett and a WW II Navy Veteran.

Surviving are a daughter, Laurie (Dennis) Costin of Wauseon, Ohio; two sons, David (Theresa) Derickson of Fort Wayne and Mike (Lori) Derickson of Eden Prairie, Minn.; a brother, Robert (Charlene) Derickson of Poe; nine grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Eleanor Derickson in 1998.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral Home, 1320 E. Dupont Road with calling from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. prior to the service.

Burial will be in Highland Park Cemetery.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Catherine Burris

MURFREESBORO, Tenn. — Catherine N. Burris, 93 of Murfreesboro died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011.

Graveside services will be held at a later date in Anderson Memorial Park in Anderson, Ind.

Woodfin Memorial Chapel is in charge of local arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 9, 2011, Wednesday

Marcia Adams, 75

Marcia Grabill Sicard Adams, age 75, of Fort Wayne, died on Saturday, February 5, 2011 at Lutheran Hospital.

Born April 12, 1935 in Columbia City, she was the daughter of Merle and Esther (Manahan) Grabill. In her early childhood she lived for a time in Angola and later on the family farm near Flint, Indiana. After graduation from Orland High School with honors, she attended Bowling Green State University in Ohio where she was a member of Phi Mu Sorority and was active in The Literary Society.

She was married to Armand Sicard of Butler, Indiana, by whom she had one son, Gerard, who preceded her in death in 1993. Later she married Richard G. Adams.

In addition to her parents and son, she was also preceded in death by a brother Gayle Grabill.

Her strong effervescent personality and positive approach to life enabled her to be a popular friend to many around the country and drove her to serve as a community leader. Well organized, she was a member of many philanthropic groups including board level appointments to the Fort Wayne Museum of Art and the Fort Wayne Ballet. Marcia was instrumental in the community fund drives that led to the building of the Fort Wayne Performing Arts Center and the Fort Wayne Museum of Art. She received the Sagamore of the Wabash, the highest award the governor of Indiana can bestow upon a private citizen. She was also a member of the Indiana Arts Commission, the First Presbyterian Church, and the YWCA. She spent her later years at The Town House where she enjoyed developing perennial flower borders and landscaping projects on the grounds.

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A nationally recognized American food historian, she wrote six popular prize-winning Amish and Midwestern style cookbooks published by Crown of New York. The books were then produced by her on Public Television at both WBGU-TV in Bowling Green and Maryland Public Television. The series aired in every Public Television network in the country, and she much appreciated her loyal fans. Later while waiting for a heart transplant she published two journals, Heart to Heart, and Heart Anew. Her experience with heart disease and a successful heart transplant was also produced as a Public Television documentary for which she received the renowned Telly Award. All of her PBS work was also shown around the world on the Armed Forces Network. She was also honored by the YWCA as a Hidden Heroine for her behind-the-scenes work to bring increased awareness to the issue of women's heart disease.

Among her plethora of interests were collecting 20th Century Art, Works on Paper, and traveling extensively abroad, having visited all seven continents.

She is survived by her brother, Gordon (Janet) Grabill of Angola; one grandchild; and many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews.

At the request of Ms. Adams, there will be a Celebration of Life memorial gathering of family and friends at a later date. Interment in Lindenwood Cemetery will also occur at a later time with family and selected friends.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the YWCA of Northeast Indiana, 1610 Spy Run Ave., Fort Wayne, IN 46808; or the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, 311 E. Main St., Fort Wayne, IN 46802.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

Online condolences may be left at www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Arthur Hall, 89

Arthur Blaine Hall, age 89, of Adams Lake, died on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange, Indiana.

Mr. Hall was born in Kendallville, Indiana on January 21, 1922 to the late Raymond and Clara (Milbourne) Hall.

He graduated from Mongo High School.

A Purple Heart recipient, Pfc. Hall served his country during WWII in the United States Army from 1942 to 1945. He was a member of Company C 21st Armored Infantry Battalion which participated in the Ardennes Campaign, European African Middle Eastern Theatre, and Battle of the Bulge.

Mr. Hall was awarded the Bronze Battle Star and the Purple Heart from wounds received in action in Belgium on January 2, 1945.

When he returned from the war, he married Anna Ruth Hackett on March 9, 1945 in Auburn.

He was a retired coremaker and employed with Newman Foundry in Kendallville.

He was a member of the V.F.W. Post #2749 in Kendallville and the American Legion Post #381 in Rome City and attended Woodruff Grove United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Hall in the home they built together on Adams Lake; daughter, Sandra and Gary Keck, Sr. of Wall Lake; son, John and Bonnie Hall of Kendallville; four grandchildren, John "Chip" Hall of Kendallville, Eddie Keck of Mongo, Linda and Charles Dickson of Rome City, and Crystal and Darin Ramer of Kendallville; five great-grandchildren, Kelsey Ramer, Melissa Ramer, Christina Ramer, Eric Dickson and Nathan Dickson.

He was preceded in death by sister, Virginia Owens.

No funeral services scheduled.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com. The family is being served by the Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

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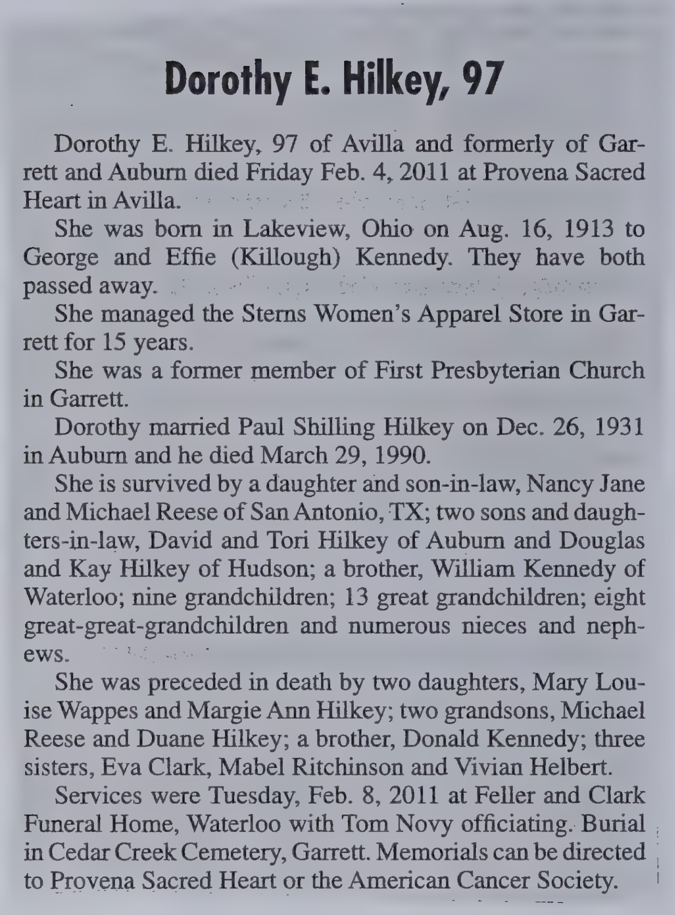

Dorothy E. Hilkey, 97

Dorothy E. Hilkey, 97 of Avilla and formerly of Garrett and Auburn died Friday Feb. 4, 2011 at Provena Sacred Heart in Avilla.

She was born in Lakeview, Ohio on Aug. 16, 1913 to George and Effie (Killough) Kennedy. They have both passed away.

She managed the Sterns Women's Apparel Store in Garrett for 15 years.

She was a former member of First Presbyterian Church in Garrett.

Dorothy married Paul Shilling Hilkey on Dec. 26, 1931 in Auburn and he died March 29, 1990.

She is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy Jane and Michael Reese of San Antonio, TX; two sons and daughters-in-law, David and Tori Hilkey of Auburn and Douglas and Kay Hilkey of Hudson; a brother, William Kennedy of Waterloo; nine grandchildren; 13 great grandchildren; eight great-great-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Mary Louise Wappes and Margie Ann Hilkey; two grandsons, Michael Reese and Duane Hilkey; a brother, Donald Kennedy; three sisters, Eva Clark, Mabel Ritchinson and Vivian Helbert.

Services were Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo with Tom Novy officiating. Burial in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett. Memorials can be directed to Provena Sacred Heart or the American Cancer Society.

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Rose Marie Fry, 73

Rose Marie Fry, age 73, of Columbia City, passed away at 4:45 p.m. on Saturday, February 5, 2011 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Born on January 4, 1938 in Huntington, she was the daughter of James W. and Christina E. (Baker) Lindsey.

She attended Huntington and Wolf Lake High Schools. On April 22, 1955 she married Harold L. Fry in Huntington. She lived in Noble County for over 40 years prior to moving to Columbia City in 2003. She was a homemaker, waitress at Tri Lakes Tavern and Restaurant for seven years, Bondflex Rubber, for seven years and Cromwell Products, for five years. She was a former member of the Eagles Auxiliary #1906, Columbia City.

Survivors include her three sons, Len (Tami) Fry of Columbia City, Ed (Joannie) Fry of Larwill and Chad (Holly) Fry of Columbia City; two daughters, Toni Gomez of Columbia City and Deb Bidding of Kendallville; ten grandchildren and 19 great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, Harold L. Fry, daughter, Pamela Tackett, brothers, Darwin D. and Williard D. Lindsey and sisters, Shirley A. Miller and Doris M. Pulley; and a grandson, Troy Edward Bridegan.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City with Certified Funeral Celebrant, Sharon Brockhaus officiating. Burial followed at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Memorial gifts may be given in Mrs. Fry's memory to donor's choice of charity or Americian Lung Association. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

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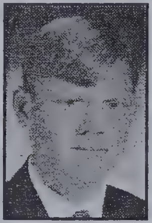
Carson Reinoehl

GARRETT — Carson L. Reinoehl, 58, of Garrett died at 12:30 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011, at his residence.


Mr. Reinoehl

Mr. Reinoehl worked at Bohn Aluminum for 34 years.

He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett.

He was born April 12, 1952 in Garrett to Bill and Leola "Susie" (Sechler) Reinoehl. His father is deceased and his mother survives in Garrett.

Also surviving are two sons, Shawn Reinoehl and Joshua Reinoehl, both of Garrett; a brother Roger "Rocky" (Pam) Reinoehl of Garrett; a sister, Jackie Schultis of Garrett; and his former wife Sharon Woods of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by a brother, Michael Reinoehl.

A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church in Garrett, with a gathering of friends and family from 2-3 p.m.

Officiating will be Rev. David Mix.

Burial will take place at a later date.

Memorials are to the family.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence or sign the online guest book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Beth Ann Conrad

TOPEKA — Beth Ann Conrad, 56, of rural Topeka died Friday, February 4, 2011, at 2:45 a.m. at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind.

She was born on July 27, 1954, in Fort Wayne, Ind., to Howard Hoeppner and Carol (Faulkner) Bessman. Her father is deceased and her mother survives in Fort Wayne.

She was a 1972 graduate of Woodlan High School in Woodburn.

She moved to the area 30 years ago, coming from Fort Wayne.

Beth was a CNA, working at Greencroft in Goshen. She had previously worked at Avalon Village in Ligonier.

She loved her job, was an avid reader and loved spending time with her family.

On December 16, 1994, in LaGrange she married Ronald J. Conrad. He survives in Topeka.

Other survivors include two sons, Adam and Sheli Emenhiser of Topkea and Clint Emenhiser of Topeka; two daughters, Stephanie Emenhiser of Topeka and Jasmine Conrad of Topeka; five grandchildren, Katlyn, Tylor, A.J., Tiffani and Luke; two brothers, Blake Hoeppner of Leo and Barry Hoeppner of Woodburn; two sisters, Brenda Wolfe of Woodburn and Bonnie Davis of Kentucky; and her former husband, Doug Emenhiser.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be held in Beth's honor on Saturday, February 12, 2011, at 2 p.m. at the Eden Worship Center in Topeka. Pastor Matt Gingreich will lead the service.

The family will recieve friends and family one hour prior to the memorial service at the church.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

To sign the online guest book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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Deborah Moore

GARRETT — Deborah Ann Moore, 51 of Garrett, died on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born July 17, 1959, in Florence, Ala., to Kenneth and Karen (Neireiter) Steele and they survive in Fort Wayne. She graduated from North Side High School in 1977.

She married Dale E. Moore on April 8, 1978, in Fort Wayne and he survives in Garrett.

Also surviving is a son, Stephen (Elizabeth) Moore of Altona; a brother, Kenneth Jr. (Julie) Moore of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Cressie (Scott) Golden of Waterloo, Iowa, and Kathleen (Donald) Moore of Morrisville, N.C.; four grandchildren, Spencer, Hope, Hunter and Logan Moore of Altona; and her mother in-law, Joyce Moore of Fort Wayne.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2011, at 1 p.m. at The Church at Garrett, 1370 S. Randolph St., with Pastor Joe Gutierez officiating, with calling starting at 12:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

To send a condolence or sign the online guest book visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Sharon Stark

KENDALLVILLE — Sharon Lee Stark, 80, of Kendallville, died Tuesday February 1, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Ft. Wayne.

A memorial service will be held Saturday at 3 p.m. in Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville. A private family burial service will take place at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 1 to 3 p.m. at the church.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be made to Trinity Church United Methodist or to the Friendship Food Pantry.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home.

Mary Stuckey

SPENCERVILLE — Mary E. Stuckey, 92, died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 5-8 p.m. Friday at North Leo Mennonite Church, 154 19 S.R. 1, Leo.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Private family burial in Leo Memorial Park Cemetery.

Memorials are to North Leo Mennonite Church, P.O. Box 213, Leo, IN 46765 or to the Sarasota Christian School, 5415 Bahia Vista St., Sarasota, FL 34232.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville is in charge of arrangements.

Constance Bishop

KENDALLVILLE — Constance Helen "Connie" Conklin Bishop, 75, of Kendallville died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011, at her home.

Visitation will be from 1-2 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Noble County Humane Society.

Ray Barker

SOUTH MILFORD — Vencil Ray Barker, 83, of South Milford, died Wednesday, February 9, 2011.

Services are Saturday at 2 p.m. in Harbor of Love Baptist Church, 2353 South Lima Road, Kendallville. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is Friday from 2 to 8 p.m. in the church where there will be an evening service at 7 p.m.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home.

Duane Weigel

OTTAWA, Ohio — Duane E. Weigel, 68, of Ottawa died 6:50 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011, at Autumn Court Nursing Home, Ottawa.

He was born April 4, 1942, in Wolf Lake, Ind., to Milo and Blanche (Gaff) Weigel. They are deceased.

Surviving are a sister, Arlene Halsey of Kendallville, Ind.; a niece; a nephew; and five great-nephews.

There will be no service or visitation.

Love Funeral Home in Ottawa is in charge of arrangements.

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Raymond Waldron

BRIMFIELD — Raymond E. Waldron, 88, of Brimfield died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011, at his home.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial with military honors will be in Orange Cemetery near Brimfield.

Barbara Hall

KENDALLVILLE — Barbara Ann Hall, 67, of Kendallville died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011, at Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. today at Hite Funeral Home.

Calling will be one half hour prior to services.

Verlin McKee

HOWE — Verlin McKee, 85, of Howe died Wednesday, February 9, 2011 in Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange, IN.

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Vencil Barker

SOUTH MILFORD — Vencil Ray Barker, 83, of South Milford, died Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at 5:10 a.m. in his residence.

Mr. Barker

Mr. Barker was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

He retired as a supervisor from Newnam Foundry in Kendallville after 42 years of service.

He was a volunteer for the South Milford Fire Department for many years.

Ray enjoyed working in the yard, and dearly loved his grandchildren.

He was born February 19, 1927, in Red Wine, Kentucky, to Willie and Mattie (Hammons) Barker. On March 15, 1974, in Auburn he married Cora Bolen.

Surviving are his wife, Cora Barker of South Milford; six daughters, Nicole (Randy) Harness of Pleasant Lake, Eugenia (Rick) Jacques of Live Oak, Texas, Lisa (Harold) Harris of Smyrna, Georgia, Trina (Josh) Caudill of Waterloo, Lois (Edward) Huff of Kendallville, Sandy Taulbee and her friend Louis Hyde of Kendallville, and Phyllis (George) Forbes of Michigan; four sons, Dwayne (Pam) Barker of Rockford, Illinois, Danny (Lionor) Barker of Tucson, Arizona, Jamie Barker of Orland, and Howard (Linda) Charles of Ashley; 34 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Catherine Fields of Xenia, Ohio, Maxine (Delmer) Rogers of Lexington, Kentucky, and Reva Spidel of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Tina Marie Barker; two grandchildren, Jeremy Taulbee and Stephanie Harness; and five brothers, Orville Barker, Glenn Barker, Cecil Barker, Junior Barker, and Clyde Barker.

Funeral services will be Saturday, February 12, 2011, at 2 p.m. in Harbor of Love Baptist Church, 2353 S. Lima Road, Kendallville, with Pastor David Bolen officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville. Military graveside services will be conducted by active duty members of the U.S. Army.

Honorary casketbearers are Lucas Caudill, Tyler Caudill, Jeremiah Taulbee, Josh Caudill, Eddie Huff, and Howard Charles. Active casketbearers are Doug Spidel, Jesse Charles, Harold Harris, Randy Harness, Jarrod Charles, and Jerry Barker.

Calling is today, Friday, February 11, 2011, from 2 to 8 p.m. in the church where there will be an evening service at 7 p.m.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

View a video tribute after today or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Deborah Moore

GARRETT — Deborah Ann Moore, 51, of Garrett, died on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born July 17, 1959, in Florence, Ala., to Kenneth and Karen (Neireiter) Steele and they survive in Fort Wayne. She graduated from North Side High School in 1977.

She married Dale E. Moore on April 8, 1978, in Fort Wayne and he survives in Garrett.

Also surviving is a son, Stephen (Elizabeth) Moore of Altona; a brother, Kenneth Jr. (Julie) Steele of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Cressie (Scott) Golden of Waterloo, Iowa, and Kathleen (Donald) Moore of Morrisville, N.C.; four grandchildren, Spencer, Faith, Hunter and Logan Moore of Altona; and her mother in-law, Joyce Moore of Fort Wayne.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 12, 2011, at 1 p.m. at The Church at Garrett, 1370 S. Randolph St., with Pastor Joe Gutierez officiating, with calling starting at 12:30 p.m.

Memorials are to the family.

Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett is in charge of arrangements.

To send a condolence or sign the online guest book visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Raymond Waldron

BRIMFIELD — Raymond Eugene Waldron, age 88, of Brimfield died on Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at his residence.

Mr. Waldron

A lifetime Brimfield resident, Mr. Waldron was born on October 12, 1922, to the late Edna Sherman "Pudd" Waldron and Lenna (Zigler) Waldron.

He served his country in the United States Army during WWII and was assigned to the Gen.George S. Patton's household and was a driver for one of Gen. Patton's constituents. He also took care of the general's dog, Willie.

He married Mary Waldron in March 14, 1947, in Angola.

Ray was employed as a lineman with New York Central Railway for 44 years.

He was a life member of the VFW Post 2749 and member of the American Legion Post 86, both in Kendallville.

Ray coached youth baseball in Rome City during the 1960s for about 10 years. He looked after many kids and he made sure they had transportation to practice and games.

He was an avid IU and Chicago Cubs fan and he enjoyed playing golf in the past.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Waldron; two sons, Dennis Waldron of Syracuse and Mark Waldron of Wawaka; a daughter, Nancy Waldron of Wawaka; three grandchildren, Erica Waldron of Nappanee, Craig Waldron of Ligonier and Travis Fisher of Wawaka; and one great-grandson, Mason Waldron Shafer.

He was also preceded in death by his brother, Carl Waldron, and his sister, Elva Waldron.

Visitation will be today, Friday, February 11, 2011, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Funeral services will be today at 1 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Paul Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville, and Jim Forbes, chaplain of American Legion Post 86.

Burial will be at Orange Cemetery near Brimfield. Military honors will be conducted at the graveside by members of the honor guard team of the VFW Post 2749 and American Legion Post 381 in Rome City.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Raymond today at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Harriett McQuown

AUBURN — Harriett D. McQuown, 84, of Auburn died Thursday, February 10, 2011, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Harriett was born March 12, 1926, in Garrett to Walter E. and Mable (Cashbaugh) Saxer.

She worked for Messinger/Renasaince Corporation in Auburn for 25 years before retiring in 1988.

She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

She married John L. McQuown on May 29, 1947, in the Garrett Presbyterian Church and he survives in Auburn.

She is also survived by a son, Thomas McQuown of San Francisco, Calif.; two daughters, Cynthia Ann Shepard of Fort Wayne and Carolyn Sue McQown of Monrovia, Calif.; four grandchildren, Duane E. Baughman Jr., Tonya K. Heiniger, Katrina D. Calderwood and Megan L. Woodcraft; seven great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandson; a brother, Robert Saxer of Terre Haute; and a sister, Thelma Ringenberg of Auburn.

Harriett was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and three sisters.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, February 12, 2011, at the Auburn Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Lyle Ewing officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

The family will receive friends from 9 to 10 a.m. at the church.

Memorials can be directed to the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Eddy Ritchie

HUDSON — Eddy Dean Ritchie, age 52, of the Stroh/Hudson area, died on Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne, following a sudden and unexpected illness.

Mr. Ritchie

Mr. Ritchie was born in LaGrange, Indiana, on November 3, 1958, to Edmond Dean Ritchie and Maudie (Handshoe) Ritchie. His father died September 11, 1986.

He married Sharon Campbell on July 7, 1979, at the Church of God in Stroh.

Eddy worked in the sanitation department at Kraft Foods in Kendallville for about 15 years.

Eddy loved Ford trucks, hunting and fishing. He was an avid sports fan and loved to watch University of Kentucky basketball. His pride and joy was his new grandson, Waylon.

In the past, Eddy was involved in coaching his kid's Stroh Little League baseball and softball teams for a number of years.

Survivors include his wife of 31 years, Sharon Ritchie of Hudson; his son and daughter-in-law, Lukas and Megan Ritchie of LaGrange; his daughter and son-in-law, Abby and Clint Sites of Stroh; his grandson, Waylon James Ritchie; his mother, Maudie Ritchie of Stroh; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Reavel Crawford of Wolcottville and Connie and Jack Pipher of Wolcottville; and his father in-law and mother-in-law, James and Annette Campbell of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Gordon Ray Hicks.

Visitation will be Saturday, February 12, 2011, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Sunday, February 13, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Helmer Independent Baptist Church in Helmer.

Officiating the funeral service will be Eddy's lifelong friend, Pastor Rick Davis, of the Helmer Independent Baptist Church.

Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery near Wolcottville in LaGrange County.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Eddy by Saturday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Janice Waikel

FORT WAYNE — Janice M. Waikel, 83, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Funeral services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road, with calling one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

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Constance Bishop

KENDALLVILLE — Constance Helen "Connie" Bishop, age 75, died on Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at her residence in Kendallville.

Mrs. Bishop

Mrs. Bishop was born in Montclair, New Jersey, on April 28, 1935, to the late Louis Alling Conklin and Helen (Rinebolt) Conklin.

She graduated in 1953 from Kendallville High School where she played the saxophone in the band.

She went onto college and attended Bowling Green State College in Bowling Green, Ohio, Defiance College in Defiance, Ohio, and Indiana University-Purdue University Fort Wayne campus.

She married Arthur Ronald Bishop and he preceded her death in in 1968.

Connie was a teacher's aide with the East Noble School Corporation.

She also worked with young people in the after-school-program at North Side Elementary and Tiny Tots at the Cole YMCA.

Connie was an avid sports fan. She enjoyed following college basketball and football. She also liked watching the Detroit Red Wings and Michael Jordan when he played for the Chicago Bulls.

She loved her stuffed animal collection and taking nature walks around Bixler Lake.

Survivors include her son, Mark Rensberger of Kendallville; her daughter and son-in-law, Lori Bishop Way and Shawn Way of Fort Wayne; her grandson, Bobby Way of Fort Wayne; and her brother, Phillip L. Conklin of Indianapolis.

Visitation will be Saturday, February 12, 2011, from 1-2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, February 12, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor James Archambeault.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Noble County Humane Shelter.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Connie by Saturday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Sharon Stark

KENDALLVILLE — Sharon Lee Stark, 80, of Kendallville died Tuesday February 1, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Stark

Born March 19, 1930, to Clare and Gwen (Freeman) Aldrich, Sharon was raised in Kendallville and graduated from Kendallville High School in 1948. She attended William Woods College in Fulton, Missouri, and graduated from Ball State University in 1952. She taught elementary school for seven years in Fort Wayne, and in Tucson and Phoenix, Arizona.

She married Kenneth J. Stark of Tucson on June 28, 1958. They lived in Arizona and Colorado before moving to Kendallville in 1968, where they owned several businesses, including Taylor's Shoe Store, the Jean Shop, and the Baskin-Robbins ice cream store, until retirement in 1991.

She is survived by her husband of Kendallville; son and daughter-in-law, John and Lynn Stark, of Fredericksburg, Va., grandchildren, Erika and Ben; and by son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Ann Stark of Peoria, Ill., and grandchildren, Elizabeth, Caroline and Stephanie.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a granddaughter, Sarah Aldrich Stark.

Sharon was a member of Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, where she served on the Board of Trustees, the Church Council, and the Worship Committee.

She was a founding member of the Noble County Community Concert Association and has been its Publicity Chairman since its inception. A lover of music and an accomplished cellist, she was a member of Sigma Eta Sorority, played with the Fine Arts String Ensemble, and sang in the church choir. She played cello in the orchestra accompanying many East Noble Theatre productions. She was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority since graduating high school.

Sharon volunteered at the Friendship Food Pantry for many years and at the Mid-America Windmill Museum since it opened.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, February 12, 2011, at 3 p.m. in Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville. Calling will be from 1 to 3 p.m. at the church. A private family burial service will take place at Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be made to Trinity Church United Methodist, 229 S. State St., Kendallville, IN 46755 or to the Friendship Food Pantry, P.O. Box 244, Kendallville, IN 46755.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Carol McMaken

Mrs. McMaken

BUTLER — Carol L. McMaken, 70, died Thursday at her home surrounded by her family.

Mrs. McMaken had worked for Universal Tool and Stamping, DeKalb Eastern Community School Corp., Evans Equipment, Auburn Cord Duesenberg Automobile Museum and Dollar General.

Mrs. McMaken was a member of Auburn Women's Bowling Association, serving on its board of directors, Friday Night National Leagues, WBA Hall of Fame in St. Louis, Butler Eagles 2733 Women's Auxiliary, and Phythian Sisters Ruth Temple 56.

She was born July 8, 1940, in Lewisburg, Ind., to Jesse and Victoria O. (Fisher) Baker. She married Howard J. McMaken on Feb. 27, 1970, in St. Joe. He preceded in death on Oct. 31, 2003.

Surviving are two daughters, Victoria and Rex Bergdall of Butler and Lori McMaken and Matt Greenwalt of Auburn; a son, Terry and Karen McMaken of Butler; four stepdaughters, Pamela and Tim Tharp of Pampa, Idaho, Cheryl and Jim Gilbert of Corunna, Teresa McMaken of Butler, and Sandra and Paul Price of St. Petersburg, Fla.; six grandchildren; 17 stepgrandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and 11 stepgreat-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Kelly Gene; two brothers, Carl Baker and Darl Baker; a sister Mary Price; a grandson, Dennis Collins; and a stepgrandson, Ryan Gilbert.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Steven Kummernuss and Craig Johnson officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in St. Joe. Pallbearers will be Cory Wishler, Colton McMaken, Grant McMaken, Phillip Collins, Jonny Logsden, Eric Hopkins, Ray Reddig and Steven Howe.

Calling will be Saturday from 2-7 p.m. at the funeral home, with a Phythian Sisters service at 6:45 p.m. and an Eagles service at 7 p.m.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice or Cancer Services.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

E. Emmogean Burrell

ANGOLA — E. Emmogean Burrell, 88, of Angola died Wednesday, Feb. 9, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Burrell was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Angola Christian Church and its Homemakers Circle.

Mrs. Burrell was also a member of the RSVP, Kum-As-U-R Home Economics Club, Sugar & Spice Club of Pleasant Lake, Angola Women of the Moose and the Mother of Twins Club.

She was born Jan. 28, 1923, in Stafford Township, DeKalb County, to Asa Alvin and Olive "Ollie" (Vandervort) Holman. They are deceased.

She married Charles Burrell on May 2, 1942. He preceded her in death April 17, 1962.

Surviving are a son, Donald (Margie) Burrell of Angola; three daughters, Rita (Pete) Thompson of Fremont, Nita (Robert) Tadsen of Angola and Lelia (Greg) Kleiner of Wildwood, Mo.; 12 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Aaron Holman and Loren Holman; and two grandchildren, Ryan Kleiner and Neal Burrell.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Darold Beck officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery in Steuben County.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital or the Angola Chapter of RSVP.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

C. June Johnson

ANGOLA — C. June Johnson, 84, died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson.

Patsy Bousner

ANGOLA — Patsy Bousner, 64, of Payson, Ill., and formerly of Angola died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011, at her home in Payson.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

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Loene Gettig

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Loene M. Kiser Gettig was born Nov. 12, 1927, in Angola, Indiana, to the late William B. and Aleen M. Gillespie Kiser. She had been predeceased by a brother, Lisle B. Kiser, and two sisters, Lois Ann Kiser Abrams and Leona Bell Gillespie Kiser.

A remaining sister, Lita E. Kiser Cubberly, resides in Port Charlotte, Florida.

Also surviving are nephews Robert Abrams, his wife Sue of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, and William A. Abrams of Centre Hall, niece Dianne D. Abrams Showers and her husband, David, of Boalsburg, and grandniece, Jackie Abrams, of Richmond, Virginia, and Michael B. Kiser, of Phoenix, Arizona.

Her personal interests were many but accounting was her main pursuit. After completing her education at the end of WWII, a Navy man named Bill came back to college and that meeting and marriage, on June 2, 1948, lasted 62 plus years until Saturday, February 5, 2011, at 11:45 a.m.

Loene was a bright, delightful, and unpretentious person but also a serious, detailed and particular individual most dedicated to her work.

She was a vice president and CFO of Gettig Technologies Inc. in Spring Mills that was initiated in 1952. Over the years she participated in its growth to Michigan and Indiana.

With her husband she established scholarship endowment funds at Penn State University, Susquehanna University and Tri-State University now Trine University in Angola, Indiana.

She loved the sunshine and life. Her diminutive personal size disguised her boundless energy.

Loene is a member of the Eastern Star Center Chapter 207 at Centre Hall. She became its worthy matron and later served as a State District Deputy of Division 10. She is also a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, of Millheim, Pennsylvania.

Friends may call from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Sunday afternoon, February 13, at her residence, 472 Scenery Drive, State College, Pennsylvania.

An interment service will be held at the same location Monday morning at 10 a.m. Her burial will be at the family's convenience.

In lieu of flowers, donations to favored personal causes are encouraged as well as to the Gettig Scholarship Endowment Funds at Penn State, Susquehanna University and Trine University in Indiana.

The funeral services are provided by the Steve Neff Group of Millheim, Pennsylvania, and the presiding pastor is the Rev. Leroy Reitz.

Bertha Mersch

FREMONT — Bertha Pearl Mersch, 87, of Fremont, died Thursday, February 10, 2011 in Angola.

Funeral Mass will be held at St. Peter's Catholic Church, Winamac, at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Burial is at St. Peter's Cemetery in Winamac.

Visitation is 4-8 p.m. Monday at Frain Mortuary. The Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Savilla Treesh

WATERLOO — Savilla E. Treesh, 90, died Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. Treesh was a homemaker.

She was a past member of the Auburn Women of the Moose and a past member of the Kendallville Eagles Auxiliary.

She was born Aug. 7, 1920, to Lewis and Ida (Tillitson) Crossley. She married Elden G. Treesh on Nov. 5, 1942, in Garrett and he passed away Dec. 15, 2001.

Surviving are two sons, Clarence Eldon (Sheila) Treesh of Kendallville and Max Edward (Linda) Treesh of Auburn; two daughters, Geraldine Smith of Auburn and Janet (James) Higgins of Waterloo; 10 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; seven stepgreat-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and one stepgreat-great-grandchild.

She was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Kimberly Baisden, and a great-grandson, Chad Allen Patrick.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo, with the Rev Ralph Diehl officiating. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery near Corunna.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to the American Heart Association.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Harriett McQuown

AUBURN — Harriett D. McQuown, 84, of Auburn died Thursday, February 10, 2011, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Harriett was born March 12, 1926, in Garrett to Walter E. and Mable (Cashbaugh) Saxer.

She worked for Messinger/Renasaince Corporation in Auburn for 25 years before retiring in 1988.

She was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

She married John L. McQuown on May 29, 1947, in the Garrett Presbyterian Church and he survives in Auburn.

She is also survived by a son, Thomas McQuown of San Francisco, Calif.; two daughters, Cynthia Ann Shephard of Fort Wayne and Carolyn Sue McQuown of Monrovia, Calif.; four grandchildren, Duane E. Baughman Jr., Tonya K. Heiniger, Katrina D. Calderwood and Megan L. Woodcraft; seven great-grandchildren; a great-great-grandson; a brother, Robert Saxer of Terre Haute; and a sister, Thelma Ringenberg of Auburn.

Harriett was preceded in death by her parents, four brothers and three sisters.

A memorial service will be at 10 a.m. today, Saturday, February 12, 2011, at the Auburn Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Lyle Ewing officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Cedar Creek Cemetery, Garrett.

The family will receive friends from 9 to 10 a.m. today at the church.

Memorials can be directed to the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo is in charge of arrangements.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Leighton Buck

HOMER, Mich. — Leighton O. Buck, 90, of Homer, Mich., and formerly of Fremont, died Thursday, February 10, 2011 in Homer.

Graveside services will be announced at a later time. Burial is in Fremont Cemetery.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home.

Ruth Yarlot

WATERLOO — Ruth E. Yarlot, 96, of Waterloo died Friday, Feb. 11, 2011, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mrs. Yarlot was a registered nurse. She was a graduate of St. Joe Hospital Nursing School and worked for Dr. Cartwright for several years. She retired from DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo.

She was born Dec. 10, 1914, in Franklin Township in DeKalb County to Manuel and Anna (Miller) Miller. She married Loren M. Yarlot on May 17, 1941, in St. Paul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne and he died March 26, 2004.

Surviving are a son, Mark E. (Janet) Yarlot of Pehachapi, Calif.; two daughters, Susan M. (Charles) Crowl of Hamilton and Alice A. (Thomas) Swift of Waterloo; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a brother, Lathan Miller; and three sisters, Dehea Masten, Helen Walker and Ethel Bender.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Friday, Feb. 18, 2011, from 3 to 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo and also one hour prior to the service. A Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to St. Michael's Catholic Church. To send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Haskins loved teaching, environment

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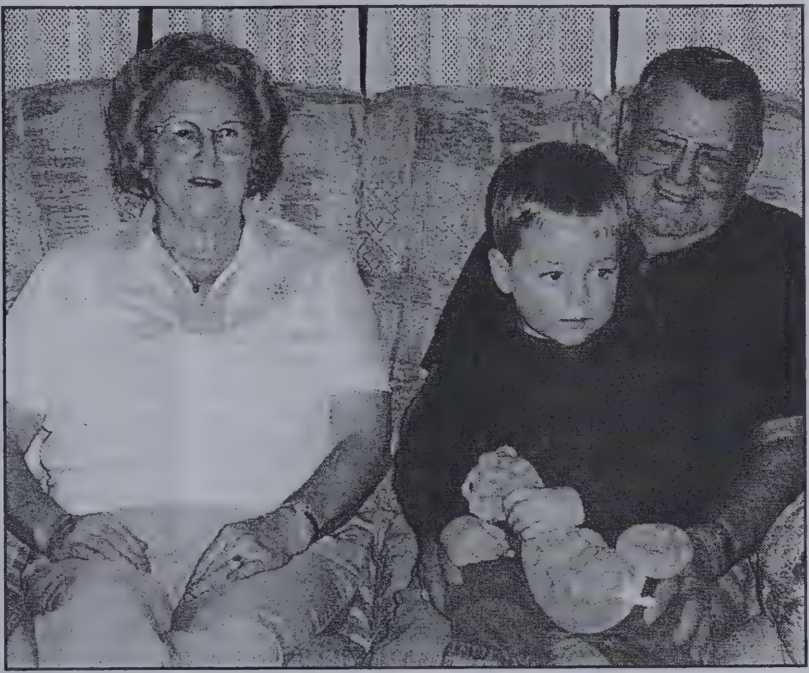

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June Haskins and her husband, George, visit with their great-grandson, Benjamin.

HAMILTON — Described as a woman with a strong character, June K. Fee Haskins was a force to be reckoned with, according to her family and friends.

Haskins, 85, died Jan. 23 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

She was born June 20, 1925, in Fort Wayne to Howard and Francis Keck. After the death of her mother when she was around 4 years old, her father was not economically prepared to take care of a child on his own. The girl moved to Hamilton to live with the Barr family, who raised her.

Haskins' children said their mother's humble beginnings surely strengthened her character, along with her devout faith.

"She was a strong woman of faith," said her daughter, Pat Waters. "She always persevered."

Haskins married right out of high school during World War II, and the family welcomed two children, Waters and her brother, James Haskins.

Waters said her mother was devoted to her family, and she always loved children. She enjoyed serving as a Sunday school and Bible school teacher.

"She was always trying to help other people," Waters said.

When Haskins' husband left the family after 25 years, she was faced with yet another challenge — supporting the family on her own.

"I don't think she ever had any fear in her life," James Haskins said. "I think she had periods of being afraid, but the word 'fear' never really came out of her mouth."

June Haskins decided to go to college at night to become a teacher. She attended Saint Francis University in Fort Wayne, acquiring her bachelor's degree, master's degree and administrative license. She graduated summa cum laude with a 4.0 grade-point average.

As a teacher and principal at Pleasant Lake Elementary School and principal at Hendry Park Elementary School in Angola, Haskins had a knack for teaching.

"She could have done a lot of things when she went back to college, but she wanted to be a teacher," Waters said. She was amazed at the large number of students who attended her mother's viewing. Many of them recalled Haskins as their

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favorite teacher or spoke of the deep impact she had on their lives.

"It was quite a testament to her teaching," Waters said. Haskins also had a way of inspiring teachers, which made her a great principal, she said.

"She wanted teachers to be better teachers and spark the joy of learning in all kids," Waters said. She challenged children to think about how things worked, and she encouraged other teachers to do the same.

Haskins married Fred Fee in 1968, and they enjoyed a life together while Haskins took up a fight against the local landfill. According to Haskins' longtime friend, Colleen Hake-Boyd, Haskins loved everything about the environment and didn't want to see it damaged by the landfill.

"June lived about a mile from the landfill, and she noticed a lot of violations going on," Hake-Boyd said. Haskins was instrumental in forming Steuben County Waste Watchers to stop the landfill from polluting Fish Creek and the environment.

"She was educated enough to know about the dangers, and she didn't want to see people in the area affected by the landfill," Hake-Boyd said. Haskins' extreme intelligence and love of research made the difference in the landfill fight, Hake-Boyd said.

"We dealt with a lot of lawyers (while fighting the landfill), and June knew the legal terminology and beat them at their own game," Hake-Boyd said. "She was Hamilton's Erin Brockovich, protecting the environment and the countryscape."

James Haskins agreed. He said there was no fight too big for his mother to take on.

"She didn't care who you were, how much money you had, or how intimidating you were," James Haskins said. "She knew how to choose her battles." The landfill is no longer in operation.

When she wasn't advocating for the environment, Haskins was basking in it. George Haskins, her third husband, said Mrs. Haskins enjoyed the outdoors and was a master gardener, growing fruits, vegetables and flowers. She prized her giant red, yellow and white roses, he said.

She was an excellent cook, James Haskins added, cooking in the kitchen even in her 80s.

But what George Haskins said he will remember most about his wife is her humbleness and willingness to help anyone in need.

"She did a lot of things for a lot of people, and she wouldn't ever take anything for it," he said. "She was good at helping, and she helped as much as she could."

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Shirley Streicher

FREMONT — Shirley Ann Streicher, 79, of Clear Lake, Fremont, February 12, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Angola.

She was born March 26, 1931 in Detroit, Michigan to Jay Forrest and Minnie Lydia (Stroh) Boeshore.

Mrs. Streicher

She married Delmar J. Streicher on June 4, 1949 at Mount Carroll, Ill. He preceded her in death on March 31, 2007.

She worked many years in Fort Wayne as deputy clerk and on the election board for the County of Fort Wayne.

She attended Fort Wayne South Side High School. She was a former member of Eagle Lodge No. 248, Fort Wayne. In 1980, she moved from Fort Wayne to Clear Lake.

She loved her animals, especially her pet dogs, Buster and Jeanie, enjoyed feeding the animals, and she enjoyed doing crafts, such as plastic canvas and crochet.

Survivors include her daughter: Lori Bertapelle of Concrete, Wash., seven grandchildren, many great-grandchildren, good friends: Donald and Kathy Sattison of Clear Lake, Fremont; and Greg and Pam Forbing of Fremont.

She was preceded In death by her parents, husband, and son, Timothy Jay Streicher.

Visitation will be 2-5 p.m. Sunday, February 13, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Monday February 14, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

Burial will be at Ray-Covenanter Cemetery, Fremont.

Memorials may be made to the Humane Society Of Steuben County.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Gregory Voirol

WATERLOO — Gregory B. Voirol, 88, of Waterloo died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Voirol retired from National Plastics in Fort Wayne after over 30 years of service.

Mr. Voirol

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army serving Dec. 30, 1942, to Jan. 6, 1946.

He was a volunteer fireman for the Corunna Volunteer Fire Department for 40 years. He was an avid woodcarver and made and designed various things, including his own clocks. He enjoyed making replica cars, trucks, and tractors out of wood and steel. He also enjoyed working as a mechanic in his spare time.

He was born Nov. 6, 1922, in Payne, Ohio, to Herman J. and Hazel (Cook) Voirol.

He married Mary Louise Landers on March 11, 1946, in Ligonier. She passed away Dec. 16, 1994.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Tresa L. and Bruce Bishop of Corunna; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Kelly "Joe" Voirol of Angola, and George A. and Karen Voirol of Angola; a sister, W. Marie Crago of Star, Idaho; eight grandchildren, Chuck Mosley, Chris Mosley, Terri Kinney, Brian Voirol, Autumn Voirol, Adam Voirol, Josh Voirol, and Chandra Voirol; seven great-grandchildren; and a special friend, Louise Carver of Kendallville.

He is preceded in death by his parents; wife; a son, Gregory L. Voirol; a brother, Herman J. Voirol; a sister, Virginia Hatcher; and two grandchildren, Erika Ann Voirol, and Johnathan Voirol.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with calling from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday prior to the service. Pastor Sam Weimer will be officiating. Burial will be in Sedan Cemetery in Corunna with Military graveside services being conducted by the U. S. Army.

Calling will also be from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Corunna Volunteer Fire Department.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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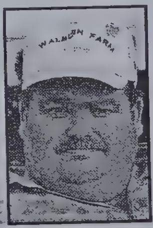
Thomas Walburn

CROMWELL — Thomas E. Walburn, 58, of Cromwell went to be with His Lord, on Friday, February 12, in Lansing, Mich.



Mr. Walburn

Tom was born on November 26, 1952, at Lucky Hospital in Wolf Lake to Edward and Norma Jean (Deisler) Walburn. He was part of the first class to graduate from West Noble High School in 1971. He later married Cindy Wuis on June 22, 1991.Over the years he worked at Don's Excavating and for John Deere as a mechanic. He was a lifetime area resident and attended Indian Village United Methodist Church for many years. He was also a member of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America and the Indiana Draft Horse Breeders Association. Above all, Tom loved his wife, his family and horses.

He is survived by his wife Cindy Walburn of Cromwell; mother: Norma Jean Walburn of Cromwell; one uncle: Dale (Evelyn) Deisler of Finley, Ohio; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Edward G. Walburn in 2004, and his brother, David Walburn in 1984.

A funeral service will be held in Tom's honor on Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Yeager Funeral home, 1589 Lincolnway South; Ligonier, IN 46767. Rev. Comer Skinner, a special friend, and his sister-in-law Kate Johnson will officiate.

Burial will follow at Indian Village Cemetery. Pallbearers include: Pete Meyers, Joseph Walburn, Daniel Bonga, Justin Johnson, Andrew Johnson, Ed Stump, Jim Raber, and Jeff Faber. Honorary pallbearers: are Dan McCulloch, Todd McCulloch, Stan Bontrager, and Tom Green .

Visitation will be held from 3-7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2011, and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. prior to the funeral service on Wednesday. Burial will be at Indian Village Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc., P.O. Box 335, Wabash, IN 46992.

The Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Mary Hornbacker

AUBURN — Mary Harriet Hornbacker, 93, died Saturday, February 12, 2011, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

She was born in Danville, Ill. on November 18, 1917, to Buell and Carolyn (English) Snyder.

Mary Harriet was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church. She was a 1939 graduate of DePauw University. She was a volunteer at the Eckhart Public Library and was a member of various clubs and organizations including the Auburn Garden Club, PEO, Auburn Ladies Literary Club, Red Hat Society, Friends of the Library and Kappa Kappa Gamma.

She married Dr. W. V. Hornbacker on Aug. 3, 1946, in Danville, Ill. and he passed away July 6, 1992.

She survived by four sons: Timothy B. (Tara) Hornbacker of New Paris, Ohio; Terry E. (Georgia) Hornbacker of Sherman, Ill.; Doug V. (Nurit) Hornbacker of Fayetteville, NY; and David (Kristy) Hornbacker of Auburn; four grandchildren: Trent Hornbacker, Chris Hornbacker, Brian Hornbacker and Tasha Hornbacker and two great-granddaughters Haylee and Chloe Hornbacker.

She was preceded in death by her parents, husband and two brothers Carroll E. Snyder and Buell Snyder.

Services will be 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2011 at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn with Rev. Lyle Ewing officiating. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 3 p.m. until the service at 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials can be directed to Eckhart Public Library or Auburn Presbyterian Church. To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Greta Quinn

AUBURN — Greta L. Quinn, 96, of Auburn, died Wednesday February 9, 2011 at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Quinn

She was born July 9, 1914, in Fort Wayne and was the daughter of the late Fred and Amelia (Dannenfelser) Doehrman. Growing up in Fort Wayne, she attended Saint Paul's Lutheran School and was a graduate of North Side High School.

She married George E. Quinn on July 4, 1942 in Fort Wayne and he preceded her in death in 1992.

After her husband's death, Mrs. Quinn moved to Auburn where she joined Trinity Lutheran Church and volunteered until she was 90 at DeKalb Memorial Hospital and R.S.V.P.

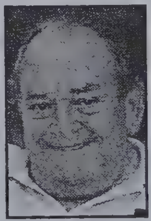
Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Nancy and Phil Allison of Auburn; sister, Francile Firestine of Fort Wayne; granddaughter, Mary Beth (Keith) Williams of Tuscaloosa, AL; grandsons, Stuart (Megan) Allison of Millersville, MD and Thomas (Nicole) Allison of Danville; and seven great-grandchildren.

Memorial services will be Saturday February 19, 2011 at 11 a.m. with calling one hour prior at Pinnington-McComb 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Private burial be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be made to DeKalb Memorial Hospital Foundation or Trinity Lutheran Church. To sign the online guest book, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Richard Butler

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio — Richard Butler, 75, of Springfield, passed away on Friday, February 11, 2011, in Heartland of Springfield.


Mr. Butler

He was born on April 5, 1935, in Orland, Ind., the son of Monroe and Irene (DeLong) Butler.

He served our country in the United States Army. Dick worked for 37 years at International Harvester, spending most of his career as director of plant protection and safety, retiring in 1996.

He was an active member of the Northridge Lions Club, VFW Post 1031 Rocco Welch, and the Fraternal Order of Eagles 397 Aerie.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Violet (Hendrickson) Butler of Springfield; five children: Cynthia Conley of Springfield, Jay Butler and his wife Jan of Colorado; Gregory Butler of Wisconsin; Michael Butler of Sidney, and Steven Butler of Brookville; two grandchildren: Danielle Conley of Springfield, and Zachary Butler of Colorado; two great-grandsons: Austin and Cameron Rodgers of Springfield; one sister, Mary Strawser of Indiana; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers: Ralph "Bud" and Jim Butler; and two sisters: Ruth Stroh and Jean Sanders.

Dick enjoyed fishing, golf, bowling, woodworking, and mostly just being with friends and family.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at 3 p.m. in the Littleton and Rue Funeral Home and Crematory.

The family would like to express their gratitude and thanks to the Heartland Hospice nurses for their comforting care during his final days.

In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Heartland Hospice at www.heartlandhospicefund.org. Express condolences to the family at www.littletonandrue.com.

Verlin McKee

HOWE — Verlin McKee, 85, of Howe died Wednesday, Feb. 9, at Parkview Main Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be held on Feb. 15 from 3-7 p.m. at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange. The funeral service will be held on Feb. 16 at 1 p.m. at the funeral home with the Father Bernard Ramenaden of St. Gaspar Catholic Church, Rome City officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Howe with full military rites by the American Legion Post No. 423.

Memorials may be given to the Alzheimer Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, D.C. 20090-6011. Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Ina Kitchen

BUTLER — Ina R. Kitchen, 83, died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011.

She was born on March 10, 1927, in Butler to Harrison and Nora (Cook) Norrick. Ina was a graduate of Butler High School and was a homemaker. Ina was a member of the Pythian Sisters 56 Auburn. She married Paul E. Kitchen on May 24, 1947; he preceded in death on Dec. 31, 2007.

Mrs. Kitchen

Survivors include four sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Deb Kitchen of Matthews, N.C., Roger and Judy Kitchen of Hamilton, Rick and Deb Kitchen of Nashville, Tenn., and Rodney and Kelley Kitchen of Hamilton; a sister, Hulda Libey of Angola; seven grandchildren, Drew Kitchen, Abby Relue, Cory Kitchen, Brennen Kitchen, Ashley Kitchen, Sierra Kitchen and Colten Kitchen; and six great-grandchildren, Karsyn Kitchen, Kendal Kitchen, Evie Relue, Teddy Relue, Jayci Kitchen, and Lucy Kitchen.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a brother, Frank Norrick; and two sisters, Mary Morrow and Pauline Burkmire.

Funeral services are Wednesday at 11 a.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, with Pastor Ralph Diehl officiating. Calling will be Tuesday at the funeral home from 2-7 p.m. A Pythian Sisters service will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday. Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to DeKalb Hospice or the Pythian Sisters.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com

Homer Ohlwine

KENDALLVILLE — Homer James Ohlwine, 88, of Kendallville died on Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Ohlwine was born in Albion on Nov. 15, 1922, to Homer and Amanda Iona (Tucker) Ohlwine.

He honorably served his country in the United States Navy during World War II from Nov. 11, 1944, to March 11, 1946.

He married his first wife, Betty Rogers, in 1942 and she preceded him in death in 1977. He married his second wife, Betty Guthrie, in 1978 and she preceded him in death in 2001.

Mr. Ohlwine was a truck driver for Seagley Brothers in Kendallville and then for Hipskind Asphalt in Fort Wayne for several years, retiring in 1984.

He was a member of the Rehoboth Missionary Church in Albion. Mr. Ohlwine was a member of the Kendallville VFW Post 2749 and was a life member of the Albion American Legion Post 246. He also belonged to the Teamsters Union.

He served in the Civilian Conservation Corp. and during that time helped build most of the buildings at Pokagon State Park in Angola.

Survivors include two stepdaughters and their husbands, Phyllis and Larry McGahen of Kendallville and Penny and Dave Dickey of rural Kendallville; two stepsons and their wives, Greg and Judy Guthrie of Kendallville and Ed and Ruth Guthrie of Avilla; two sons-in-law, Clyde Rollins of Churubusco and Richard Ard of St. Joseph, Ill.; his companion and special friend, Betty Rice of Kendallville; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mary Leitch of Columbia City and Martha Treesh of Kendallville; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Betty Rogers; second wife, Betty Guthrie; two daughters, Mary Rollins and Winnie Ard; stepdaughter, Judy Kilburn; stepson-in-law, Jessie Kilburn; four sisters; and six brothers.

Visitation will be Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011, from 4-7 p.m. and one hour prior to the service at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Gerald Ringenberg and Pastor Jon Stoltzfus.

Burial will be at Merriman Christian Chapel in Albion.

Preferred memorials may be made to Rehoboth Community Missionary Church.

Send a condolence at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Roy Mynhier

LIGONIER — Roy D. Mynhier, 78, of Ligonier died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011 at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

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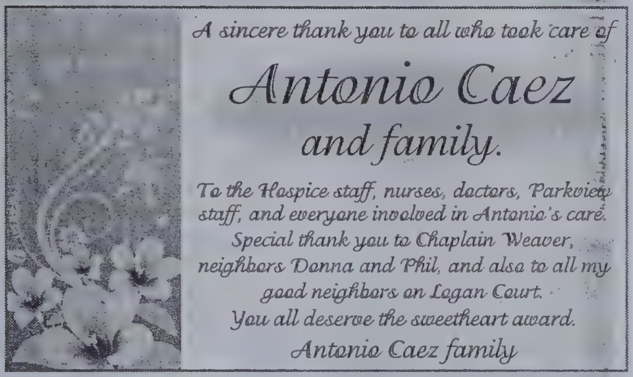

A sincere thank you to all who took care of

Antonio Caez

and family.

To the Hospice staff, nurses, doctors, Parkview staff, and everyone involved in Antonio's care. Special thank you to Chaplain Weaver, neighbors Donna and Phil, and also to all my good neighbors on Logan Court.
You all deserve the sweetheart award.
Antonio Caez family

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Roy Mynhier

LIGONIER — Roy Dean Mynhier, age 78, of Ligonier, Ind., passed away on February 12, 2011.

He was born on January 19, 1933, in Kimmell, Ind., to Joseph and Eva (Hunt) Mynhier. On December 15, 1953, he married Judy Zarse in Cromwell, Ind. She preceded him in death in 1997.

Mr. Mynhier

Roy graduated from Cromwell High School and played on the championship basketball team. The team picture remains on display at the Sports Hall of Fame in New Castle, Ind.

Mr. Mynhier retired from Metropolitan Life Insurance Company after more than 30 years of service.

He was an active member of the community and served on the park's department board, was a volunteer firefighter for many years, played softball for the fire department and coached Little League baseball for more than 10 years.

He was an avid sports fan and loved the Cubs and the Colts.

Mr. Mynhier was also a member of the Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Elks and the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors.

Mr. Mynhier was appointed to the counsel to the Attorney General in 1987 as a result of his hard work and loyalty to the Republican Party.

Surviving are his three children, Kirby A. (Charms) Mynhier of Burlington, Ky., T. Scott (Lana) Mynhier of Vicksburg, Mich., and Annie Ranly and her companion, Mark Caldwell, of Ligonier, Ind.; six grandchildren, Andrea, Andrew, Hunter and Chase Mynhier, Tanner Ranly and Angela Caldwell; and one brother, Robert (Clara) Mynhier of Cresap Town, Pa.

He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; one brother, Joseph Myhnhier; and three sisters, Mildred Rigel, Pauline Horine and Lucille Freeman.

A funeral service will be held in Mr. Mynhier's honor on Friday, February 18, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 111 W. Orange St., Cromwell, with Sister Elsie Fregeau officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, Ind.

There will be a time of visitation on Thursday, February 17, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier and from 10 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. prior to the funeral service on Friday.

Online Condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Memorial contributions are to Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 398, Cromwell, IN 46732.

Ted Blotter

ANGOLA — Ted B. Blotter, 76, of Angola and formerly of Fremont, Ind., died Monday, February 14, 2011, at his Angola residence.

Mr. Blotter was a truck driver for Metal Spinners.

He was a member of the Fremont Moose Lodge and the Angola American Legion Post 31.

Mr. Blotter enjoyed spending the winter months in Texas. He also enjoyed squirrel hunting and fishing.

Mr. Blotter

He was born February 13, 1935, in Fremont, Ind., to John Frank and Phyllis (Jordan) Blotter.

Surviving are a daughter, Mystie and Dave Sage of Angola, Ind.; four sons, Kevin Post of Angola, John Blotter of Angola, Randy and Beth Blotter of Fremont, Ind., and Tee and Suze Blotter of Avilla, Ind.; 11 grandchildren, Christopher Post, Carla Post, Michelle Rowe, Amanda Blotter, Brandon Blotter, Kyle Blotter, Justin Ford, Raymond Blotter, Cassie Blotter, Nicholas Blotter, Joshua Kidd and Erin Kidd; many great-grandchildren; three sisters, Carol and Jim Skelly of Fremont, Penny and Kelyn Ireland of Fremont, and Jane Parker of Fort Wayne; and four brothers, Roscoe and Martha Blotter of Fremont, Jim and Carolyn Parker of Pleasant Lake, Hal and Joy Parker of Angola and Terry Parker of Fort Wayne;

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Phil Parker and Tom Parker.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, February, 17, 2011, at the funeral home. The Rev. Jon Bruney will officiate.

Burial will be in Jordan Cemetery at Fremont, Ind.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Send online condolences to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Harris Hoeffel Sr.

GARRETT — Harris H. Hoeffel Sr., 89, of Garrett died Monday, February 14, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mr. Hoeffel

Born February 7, 1922, in Garrett, he was the son of the late Ignatius "Nate" and Emma Hoeffel.

Mr. Hoeffel was a graduate of Saint Joseph Catholic School in Garrett and Wittenberg College.

He served as a first lieutenant in the Army Air Corp in WWII and was a member of American Legion Post 178 in Garrett.

He was the former owner of Hoeffel's Meats in Garrett, retiring in 1988.

He was a volunteer firefighter for the City of Garrett for 32 years, head of the Civil Defense and former mayor of Garrett from 1976-1980.

He was a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett where he served as a deacon for the Catholic Diocese of Fort Wayne-South Bend and was a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Naomi Ann Hoeffel; sons, Matt Hoeffel of Auburn, Nate Hoeffel of Fort Wayne, and Chris Hoeffel of Garrett; daughters, Cande Bishop, Holly Custer and Deb Saylor, all of Garrett; 14 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; and a sister, Josephine Paul of Sarasota, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a son, Harris H. "Punk" Hoeffel Jr., and a daughter, Mary Hoeffel, both in 2009; and a sister, Elvis "Tootie" Binz.

Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, with visitation from 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. prior to services at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 300 W. Houston St., Garrett.

Visitation will be from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday with recital of the rosary at 4:30 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main S., Auburn. Father Andrew Nazareth will officiate.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery, Garrett.

Memorials to are Saint Joseph Catholic Church or National Kidney Foundation.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.pinningtonmccomb.com.

Larry Sheaks

KENDALLVILLE — Larry Wayne "Poke" Sheaks, 57, of Kendallville and formerly of Albion died Saturday, Feb. 5, 2011, at his home.

Burial will be in Meadow, Texas.

There will be no services at this time.

Gabriella Thacker

AUBURN — Gabriella Annette Thacker was stillborn Friday, Feb. 11, 2011, at Dupont Hospital in Fort Wayne to Renwood Allen and Marci Annette (Carper) Thacker.

Surviving are her parents, Renwood and Marci Thacker of Auburn; her twin brother, Rallen Michael Thacker of Auburn; her maternal grandparents, Steve and Janet Carper of Fort Wayne; her paternal grandparents, Paul Thacker of Garrett and Sharon Dillard of Wabash; her maternal great-grandfather, Arthur Carper of Pleasant Lake; and her paternal great-grandmother, Pat Bruning of Florida.

She was preceded in death by her maternal great-grandparents, Kathryn Carper and Dorsey and Viola Sowles; and her paternal great-grandparents, Allen Thacker and Renwood Bruning.

Services will be at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Bill Lyne officiating. A private family burial will be Friday in Roselawn Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6-6:30 p.m. Thursday prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to Riley Hospital for Children, 702 Barnhill Drive, Indianapolis, IN 46202.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Ruth McClellan

AUBURN — Ruth Deloris McClellan, age 83, of Auburn died on Sunday, February 13, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mrs. McClellan was born in Kendallville on August 25, 1927, to Robert G. and Elsie May (Newman) Strater.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1946.

She married DeWayne C. McClellan on June 2, 1951, in Angola. He preceded her in death on May 23, 2007.

Mrs. McClellan

Mrs. McClellan was the cafeteria manager for DeKalb Central Schools for 18 years, retiring in 1994.

She was a member of the Cedar Lake Church of Christ in Waterloo where she taught Sunday School and was a member of the Women's Mission Circle.

Mrs. McClellan was a member of the Fairfield Ladies Club and was a Girl Scout and Brownie leader in DeKalb County for several years.

She also enjoyed gardening with her neighbor Odelia Shepherd.

She liked traveling with her husband to Branson and Nashville for country music shows.

Survivors include a son, Dennis and Jane McClellan of Rome City; three daughters, Delores and Chad Kilgore of Auburn, Delsie and Keith Harmes of Waterloo and Deanna and John Mohre of Auburn; a second son, Bob Kessler of Auburn; nine grandchildren, Amber McClellan, Quartz McClellan, Berell McClellan, Danelle Yarian, Jennifer Hathaway, Tonia Haskins, Dustin Harmes, Justin Harmes and Spencer Mohre; seven great-grandchildren, Johnathan Sewell, Iris Sewell, Caleigh Yarian, Keagen Yarian, Weber Yarian, Ella Hathaway and Jayde Haskins; one brother, Robert and Marie Strater of Kendallville; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; and four brothers, Hollie Strater, Fred Strater, Warren Strater and Donald Strater.

Visitation will be Thursday, February 17, 2011, from 4-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, February 18, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Officiating the funeral service will be D.V. Dillinger.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Cedar Lake Church of Christ.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Ruth by Thursday, February 17, 2011, at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Maxine Wood

HOWE — Maxine Wood, 77, of Howe died Sunday, Feb. 13, 2011, at her home.

Mrs. Wood

Mrs. Wood had lived in the LaGrange area since 1964.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Wood was a member of the Lima Presbyterian Church in Howe where she was an honorary deacon. She was also a member of Sylvan Chapter 251 OES of LaGrange.

She was born on March 28, 1933, in Shenandoah, Va., to Harold Ray and Willie Frances (Offenbacker) Meadows. She married John Wood Jr. on Feb. 25, 1951, in Bennettsville, S.C. He preceded her in death on Nov. 30, 2002.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Misti and Billy Gardner of Howe; a son, John M. Wood of LaGrange; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Marie Frances Mullins of Gettysburg, Pa.; and a brother, Melvin Ray Meadows of West Minister, Md.

She was also preceded in death by her parents.

Memorial and OES services will be held at noon Saturday at Meridian Sun Lodge 76 F & AM, 0880 N. C.R. 075E, LaGrange, with the Rev. Mardell Wilson and the Rev. Vanessa Syvertsen officiating.

Visitation will be held two hours prior to the services at the Masonic Lodge Hall.

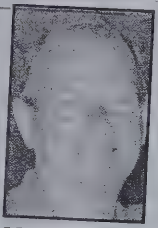
Memorials are to the Lima Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 335, Howe, IN 46746.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of arrangements.

Memorials may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Jack Bell

KENDALLVILLE — Jack Wayne Bell, 70, of Albion died Thursday, February 10, 2011, in Lake County, Florida.



Mr. Bell

Jack was born on July 26, 1940, in Wolcottville to Samuel R. and Alta Winona (Brown) Bell.

He served our country honorably as a member of the U.S. Army National Guard.

Jack graduated from Kendallville High School in 1959 and married his high school sweetheart, Sally (Palmer) Bell on September 1, 1962.

Jack was a lifetime area resident and a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville for many years. He was owner and operator of Bell's Upholstery and an active member of the Cole YMCA. Mr. Bell previously served as the Wayne Township trustee.

Jack was an avid sports enthusiast, a loyal Detroit Tigers fan, and he loved spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by a daughter, Melissa Smith of Denver, N.C.; three grandchildren, Nathan, Andrew and Kiersten Smith of Denver, N.C.; two brothers, Sam Bell of Wolcottville and Daryl Bell of Kendallville; three sisters, Donna Newcomb of Crocker, Missouri, Della Rhinesmith of Mongo, and Jeannie Tropp of Wolcottville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife of 47 years; a brother, Jim Bell; and a sister, Bonnie Bell.

The life of Jack Bell will be celebrated at the South Milford United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 26, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Jim Bartlett officiating.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the South Milford United Methodist Church, the Mongo United Methodist Church, or the Cole Family YMCA.

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Keith Thompson

FREMONT — Keith Thompson, 51, of Coldwater, Mich., died Monday, February 14, 2011, at his home in Coldwater.

Mr. Thompson

Mr. Thompson was a longtime maintenance engineer at Coldwater Bakery in Coldwater.

He was a 1977 graduate of Coldwater High School.

Mr. Thompson was a member of the Branch County Sportsman Club and a past member of the NRA.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing horseshoes and playing his guitar. He also enjoyed being outdoors and mowing the lawn.

He was born June 4, 1959, in Coldwater to Edwin and Nancy (Keith) Thompson. His mother survives in Coldwater and his father died in 1987.

Also surviving are two daughters, Jessica and Greg Crandall of Homer, Mich., and Chandra Thompson and Justin Hochstetler of Coldwater; a son, Jeremy and Melony Thompson of Coldwater; his life partner, Tammy Branham of Coldwater; his grandchildren, Riley and Marissa Thompson; four brothers, Randy and Cindy Thompson of Burlington, Mich., Lyle and Sherry Thompson of Tekonsha, Mich., Mark and Wendy Thompson of Coldwater and Brian and Kelly Thompson of Fremont.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, February 17, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Eric Piersimoni officiating. Burial will be in Knauss Cemetery, Kinderhook Township, Branch County, Coldwater.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Association.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Patsy Bousner

ANGOLA — Patsy L. Bousner, 64, of Payson, Ill., and formerly of Angola died Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011, at her home in Payson.

Mrs. Bousner was employed doing clerical work.

She was born Sept. 11, 1946, in Albemarle, N.C., to Roy and Alberta (Mauldin) Almond. She married John Bousner on May 23, 1980. He survives in Payson.

Also surviving are two sons, Joseph Quinn of Kokomo and David (Tara) Quinn of Angola; a daughter, Teresa (Troy) Karrick of Angola; two sisters, Marcy (Robert) Dehart of Pomaria, S.C., and Elaine (Keith) Dominic of Newberry, S.C.; and three grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. Saturday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with Fred Verden officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Blessing Hospital Hospice.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

Ersul Crain

ANGOLA — Ersul M. Crain, 92, of Angola died Monday, Feb. 14, 2011, at The Townhouse Health Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Crain was a homemaker.

She was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church and a 50-year and past matron of the Hamilton Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

Mrs. Crain was also a member of the Women of the Moose, Carpe Diem Club, the Cameron Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and a former member of the Steuben County Women's Club.

She was born May 8, 1918, in Edon, Ohio, to Robert and Eunice (Willoughby) Royal. She married Ivan Crain in Hamilton. He preceded her in death in 1986.

Surviving are three grandchildren, Steven (Cindy) Crain of Angola, Cyndi (Ron) Nusbaum of Angola and Deanna (Dana) Clark of Valparaiso; four great-grandsons; and two great-great-granddaughters.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a son, Edwin Duane Crain; four brothers, Lloyd Royal, Harvey Royal, Herschel Royal and Edward Royal; and a sister, Juanita Jackson.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Cameron Woods in Angola with Pastor Wayne Berkesch officiating. Burial will be in Hamilton Cemetery in Hamilton.

Memorials are to Cameron Memorial Hospital Auxiliary.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

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Ruth Yarlot

WATERLOO — Ruth E. Yarlot, 96, of Waterloo died Friday, Feb. 11, 2011, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mrs. Yarlot was a registered nurse. She was a graduate of St. Joe Hospital Nursing School and worked for Dr. Cartwright for several years. She retired from DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

She was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo.

She was born Dec. 10, 1914, in Franklin Township in DeKalb County to Manuel and Anna (Miller) Miller. She married Loren M. Yarlot on May 17, 1941, in St. Paul Catholic Church in Fort Wayne and he died March 26, 2004.

Surviving are a son, Mark E. (Janet) Yarlot of Tehachapi, Calif.; two daughters, Susan M. (Charles) Crowl of Hamilton and Alice A. (Thomas) Swift of Waterloo; seven grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a brother, Lathan Miller; and three sisters, Dehea Masten, Helen Walker and Ethel Bender.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 19, at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Waterloo, with Father David Carkenord officiating. Burial in St. Michael's Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo.

Calling is Friday, Feb. 18, 2011, from 3 to 8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo and also one hour prior to the service. A Rosary will be recited at 7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to St. Michael's Catholic Church.

To send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Naaman VanMeter

LARWILL — Naaman E. VanMeter, 38, of Larwill died Monday, Feb. 14, 2011, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today at the North Webster Church of God, 301 N. Main St., North Webster. Burial will be in Salem Cemetery at Wilmot.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to Magical Meadows, 4767 N. C.R. 375E, Warsaw, IN 46582 or the Wawasee Camp of the Gideon's International, P.O. Box 101, Syracuse, IN 46567.

Owen Family Funeral Home in North Webster is in charge of arrangements.

Richard Swafford

Mr. Swafford

LIVERMORE, Calif. — Richard Olen "Dick" Swafford of Livermore was born on Aug. 10, 1935, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, to Olen and Eileen Swafford and passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 8, 2011.

He was 75 years old.

Richard was a graduate of North Central College in Naperville, Illinois, where he earned a degree in political science. He was a teacher and basketball coach for 10 years and then served as a sales manager for a school supply company for almost 40 years.

He was a member of the Lions Club in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and moved from Indiana to Livermore in 1974 and became a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

His passions included his hometown of Kendallville, Indiana, basketball, his dogs (boxers), and traveling. Most of all, he was a great provider for his family who he loved and kept as his top priority.

His was preceded in death by his son, Kent in 2008.

He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Joyce; his children, Kim Coupe and Kevin Swafford, both of Livermore; and his grandchildren, Sean Swafford, and Krystal and Jeremy Coupe.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 19, at 3 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 2020 Fifth St., Livermore, Calif.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the American Cancer Society or Humane Society would be appreciated.

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David Ruddell

KIMMELL — David John Ruddell, 67, of Kimmell, died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, at his home in Kimmell.

Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at Stringtown Cemetery near Cromwell.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

James Clark

FORT WAYNE — James R. Clark, 79, died Sunday at his residence in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Thursday at the chapel at Concordia Cemetery on Lake Avenue in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services and military funeral honors will be at 11 a.m. Masoleum entombment will take place following the funeral service.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Shirley Kelly

KENDALLVILLE — Shirley Ann Kelly, 74, died Sunday, February 13, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

There will be no visitation or funeral services.

Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Floyd Hefty

GWINN, Mich. — Floyd Burton Hefty, 90, of Gwin and formerly of Auburn, Ind., died Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011, at the D.J. Jacobetti Home of Veterans in Marquette.

Graveside services in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola will be held at a later date.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

George Martinez

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — George G. Martinez, 53, died Tuesday, February 14, 2011, at Hickory Creek of Hicksville.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be Friday at 10:30 a.m. at St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville, with Fr. Stephen Schroeder officiating. Burial is in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, at a later date.

Visitation will be Thursday from 4-8 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Memorials are to Community Health Professionals-Hospice.

Deborah Killian

COLUMBIA CITY — Deborah K. Killian, 54, of Columbia City died Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at her residence on Crooked Lake.

A memorial service will be at 7 p.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home in Columbia City with Pastor Joey Nelson of Stones Hill Community Church officiating. Burial will be at a later date.

Visitation with the family will be Friday from 4-7p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the family.

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Our hearts have been broken for 6 long months.
It was so hard to say good-bye, and even harder
to go on without our Chuck!
December 11th used to be two birthdays, now both
are in heaven. Grandma Bonnie, take good care of
our li'l man. We miss you both 8-16-10...12-18-10,
and LOVE you till the end.
Mommy and Daddy, Brad and Angie Kern

John Thompson Sr.

KENDALLVILLE — John Carl Thompson Sr., 80, passed away February 13, 2011, at 11 a.m. at his residence in Kendallville.

Mr. Thompson was born in Haskins County, Ohio, on January 21, 1931, to the late Roy and Anna Grace (Brown) Thompson.

He was a United States Army veteran where he achieved the rank of corporal.

He moved to Noble County in 1972, and retired after 26 years from Newnam Foundry in Kendallville.

He loved to hunt, fish and woodworking.

He married Mary (Treadway) Thompson on January 7, 1971, in Fort Wayne. She survives in Kendallville.

Other family surviving are his sons, John Thompson Jr. and Mike Thompson; a stepdaughter, Beverly (Randy) Marker; his stepsons, Earl D. (Becky) Price and John A. (Jackie) Price and Terry Baumgartner; her grandchildren, Josh Morris, Joseph Price, Nicholas Reeves, Adam Brady, Clifford Price, Matt Baumgartner, Terry Baumgartner Jr., Sandra Price, Stacy Price, April Marker-McClurt and Kristine Pfeiffer; six great-grandchildren; and a sister, Kate Lemon.

Funeral services will be on Thursday, February 17, 2011, at 1 p.m. at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. The Rev. Ken Weaver will officiate. Burial will follow at the Orange Township Cemetery, near Wawaka. The Albion American Legion Post #242 will conduct a military graveside service.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the funeral service.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

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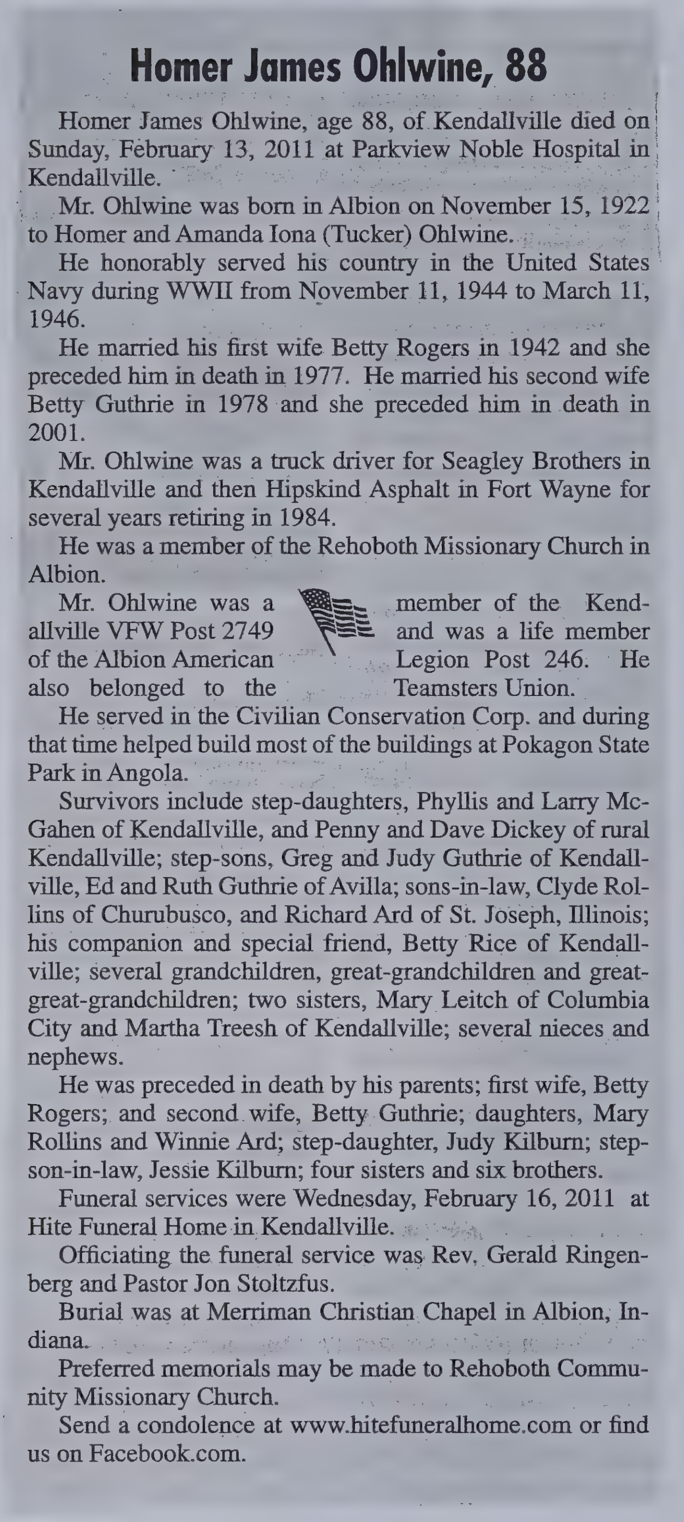

Homer James Ohlwine, 88

Homer James Ohlwine, age 88, of Kendallville died on Sunday, February 13, 2011 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Ohlwine was born in Albion on November 15, 1922 to Homer and Amanda Iona (Tucker) Ohlwine.

He honorably served his country in the United States Navy during WWII from November 11, 1944 to March 11, 1946.

He married his first wife Betty Rogers in 1942 and she preceded him in death in 1977. He married his second wife Betty Guthrie in 1978 and she preceded him in death in 2001.

Mr. Ohlwine was a truck driver for Seagley Brothers in Kendallville and then Hipskind Asphalt in Fort Wayne for several years retiring in 1984.

He was a member of the Rehoboth Missionary Church in Albion.

Mr. Ohlwine was a member of the Kendallville VFW Post 2749 and was a life member of the Albion American Legion Post 246. He also belonged to the Teamsters Union.

He served in the Civilian Conservation Corp. and during that time helped build most of the buildings at Pokagon State Park in Angola.

Survivors include step-daughters, Phyllis and Larry McGahen of Kendallville, and Penny and Dave Dickey of rural Kendallville; step-sons, Greg and Judy Guthrie of Kendallville, Ed and Ruth Guthrie of Avilla; sons-in-law, Clyde Rollins of Churubusco, and Richard Ard of St. Joseph, Illinois; his companion and special friend, Betty Rice of Kendallville; several grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; two sisters, Mary Leitch of Columbia City and Martha Treesh of Kendallville; several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Betty Rogers; and second wife, Betty Guthrie; daughters, Mary Rollins and Winnie Ard; step-daughter, Judy Kilburn; step-son-in-law, Jessie Kilburn; four sisters and six brothers.

Funeral services were Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Gerald Ringenberg and Pastor Jon Stoltzfus.

Burial was at Merriman Christian Chapel in Albion, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to Rehoboth Community Missionary Church.

Send a condolence at www.hitefuneralhome.com or find us on Facebook.com.

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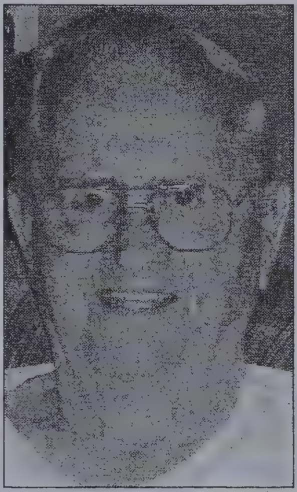
Roy Dean Mynhier, 78



Roy Dean Mynhier, age 78, of Ligonier, IN passed away on February 12, 2011.

He was born on January 19, 1933 in Kimmell, IN to Joseph and Eva (Hunt) Mynhier. On December 15, 1953 he married Judy Zarse in Cromwell, IN. She preceded him in death in 1997.

Roy graduated from Cromwell High School and played on the championship basketball team. The team picture remains on display at the Sports Hall of Fame in New Castle, IN. Mr. Mynhier retired from Metropolitan Life Insurance Company after over thirty years of service. He was an active member of the community and served on the Park's Department Board, a volunteer fireman for many years, played softball for the fire department and coached little league baseball for over 10 years. He was an avid sports fan and loved the Cubs and the Colts.

He was also a member of the Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Elks and National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors. Mr. Mynhier was appointed to the counsel to the Attorney General in 1987 as a result of his hard work and loyalty to the Republican Party.

Surviving are his three children, Kirby A. (Charms) Mynhier of Burlington, KY, T. Scott (Lana) Mynhier of Vicksburg, MI, Annie Ranly and her companion Mark Caldwell of Ligonier, IN; six grandchildren, Andrea, Andrew, Hunter and Chase Mynhier, Tanner Ranly and Angela Caldwell; one brother, Robert (Clara) Mynhier of Cresap Town, PA; he was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; one brother, Joseph Myhnhier; and three sisters, Mildred Rigel, Pauline Horine, and Lucille Freeman.

A funeral service will be held in Mr. Mynhier's honor on Friday February 18, 2010 at 10:30 am at Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, 111 W. Orange St., Cromwell, IN 46732, with Sister Elsie Fregeau officiating. Burial will be in Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, IN.

There will be a time of visitation on Thursday, February 17 from 2-4 and 6-8 pm at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767 and from 10 to 10:30 am prior to the funeral service on Friday. Memorial contributions are to Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 398, Cromwell, IN 46732.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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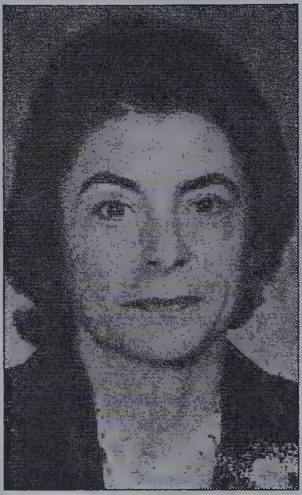
Constance Bishop, 75



Constance Helen "Connie" Conklin Bishop, age 75, died on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at her residence in Kendallville.

Mrs. Bishop was born in Montclair, New Jersey, on April 28, 1935 to the late Louis Alling Conklin and Helen (Rinebolt) Conklin.

She graduated in 1953 from Kendallville High School where she played the saxaphone in the band.

She went onto college and attended Bowling Green State College in Ohio, Defiance College and Indiana/Purdue at the Fort Wayne campus.

She married Arthur Ronald Bishop and he preceded her death in 1968.

Connie was a teacher's aide with the East Noble School Corporation.

She also worked with young people in the after-school-program at Northside Elementary and Tiny Tots at the YMCA.

Connie was an avid sports fan. She enjoyed following college basketball and football.

She also liked watching the Detroit Red Wings and Michael Jordan when he played for the Chicago Bulls.

She loved her stuffed animal collection and taking nature walks around Bixler Lake.

Survivors include her son, Mark Rensberger of Kendallville; her daughter and son-in-law, Lori Bishop Way and Shawn Way of Fort Wayne; grandson, Bobby Way of Fort Wayne; brother, Phillip L. Conklin of Indianapolis.

Funeral services will be Saturday, February 12, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street in Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor James Archambeault.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Noble County Humane Shelter.

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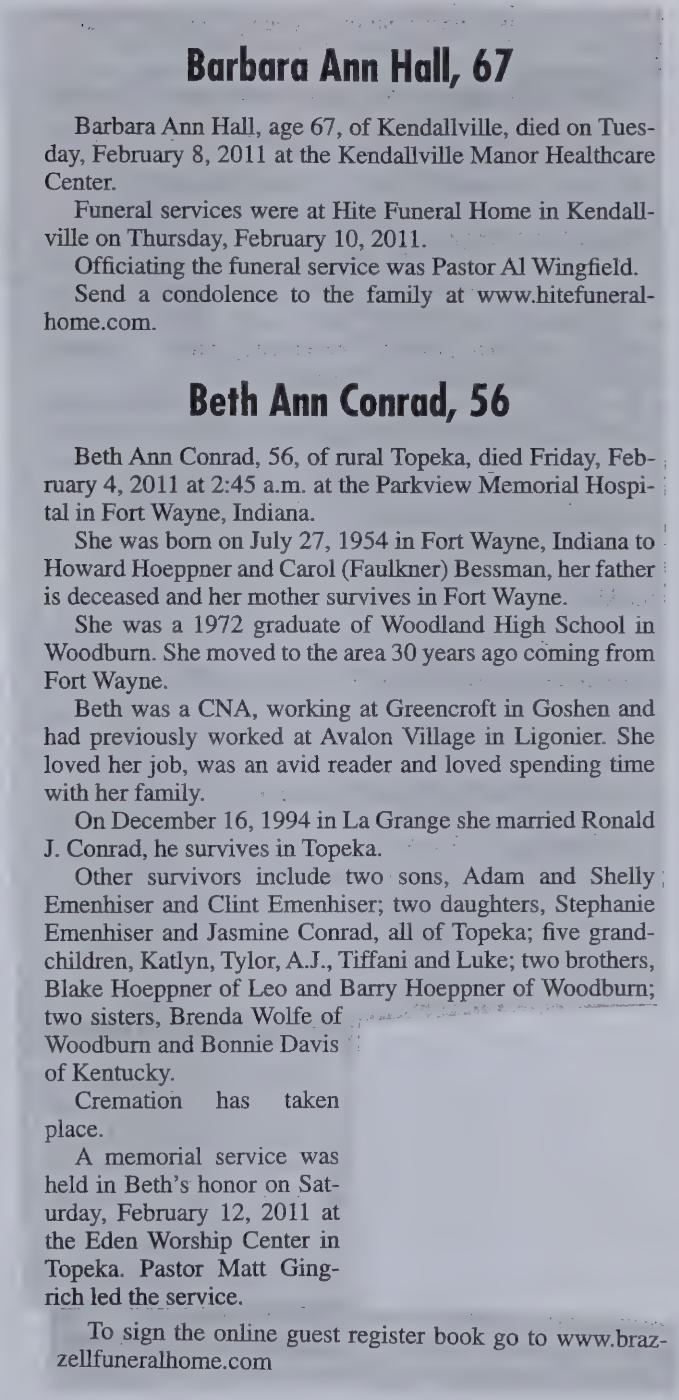

Barbara Ann Hall, 67

Barbara Ann Hall, age 67, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at the Kendallville Manor Healthcare Center.

Funeral services were at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville on Thursday, February 10, 2011.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Al Wingfield.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Beth Ann Conrad, 56

Beth Ann Conrad, 56, of rural Topeka, died Friday, February 4, 2011 at 2:45 a.m. at the Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

She was born on July 27, 1954 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to Howard Hoeppner and Carol (Faulkner) Bessman, her father is deceased and her mother survives in Fort Wayne.

She was a 1972 graduate of Woodland High School in Woodburn. She moved to the area 30 years ago coming from Fort Wayne.

Beth was a CNA, working at Greencroft in Goshen and had previously worked at Avalon Village in Ligonier. She loved her job, was an avid reader and loved spending time with her family.

On December 16, 1994 in La Grange she married Ronald J. Conrad, he survives in Topeka.

Other survivors include two sons, Adam and Shelly Emenhiser and Clint Emenhiser; two daughters, Stephanie Emenhiser and Jasmine Conrad, all of Topeka; five grandchildren, Katlyn, Tylor, A.J., Tiffani and Luke; two brothers, Blake Hoeppner of Leo and Barry Hoeppner of Woodburn; two sisters, Brenda Wolfe of Woodburn and Bonnie Davis of Kentucky.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service was held in Beth's honor on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at the Eden Worship Center in Topeka. Pastor Matt Gingrich led the service.

To sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

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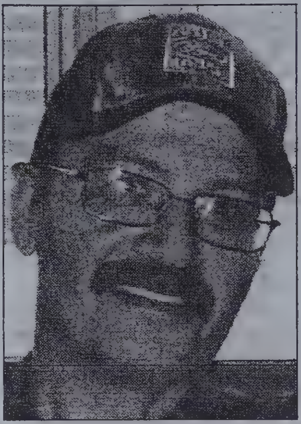
Eddy Dean Ritchie, 52



Eddy Dean Ritchie, age 52, of the Stroh/Hudson area, died on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at St. Joseph Hospital, Fort Wayne following a sudden and unexpected illness.

Mr. Ritchie was born in LaGrange, Indiana on November 3, 1958 to Edmond Dean Ritchie and Maudie (Handshoe) Ritchie. His father died September 11, 1986.

He married Sharon Campbell on July 7, 1979 at the Church of God in Stroh.

Eddy worked in the sanitation department at Kraft Foods in Kendallville for about 15 years.

Eddy loved Ford trucks, hunting and fishing. He was an avid sports fan and loved to watch University of Kentucky basketball. His pride and joy was his new grandson, Waylon.

In the past, Eddy was involved in coaching his kid's Stroh Little League baseball and softball teams for a number of years.

Survivors include his wife of 31 years, Sharon Ritchie of Hudson; his son and daughter-in-law, Lukas and Megan Ritchie of LaGrange; his daughter and son-in-law, Abby and Clint Sites of Stroh; grandson, Waylon James Ritchie; mother, Maudie Ritchie of Stroh; sister, Reavel Crawford of Wolcottville; sister and brother-in-law, Connie and Jack Pipher of Wolcottville; father and mother-in-law, James and Annette Campbell of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Gordon Ray Hicks.

Funeral services were Sunday, February 13, 2011 at Helmer Independent Baptist Church in Helmer.

Officiating the funeral service was Eddy's life-long friend, Pastor Rick Davis, of the Helmer Independent Baptist Church.

Burial was at Woodruff Cemetery near Wolcottville in LaGrange County.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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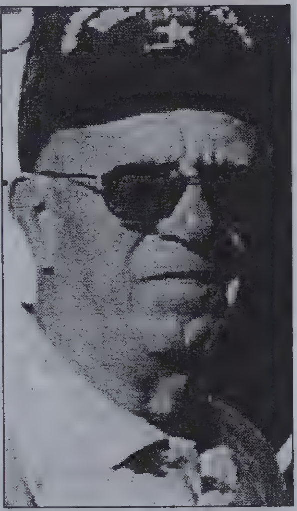
Raymond Waldron, 88



Raymond Eugene Waldron, age 88, of Brimfield, died on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 at his residence.

A lifetime Brimfield resident, Mr. Waldron was born on October 12, 1922 to the late Edna Sherman "Pudd" Waldron and Lenna (Zigler) Waldron.

He served his country in the United States Army during WWII and was assigned to the General George S. Patton's household and was a driver for one of the General Patton's constituents. He also took care of the General's dog, Willie.

He married Mary Waldron in March 14, 1947 in Angola.

Ray was employed as a lineman with New York Central Railway for 44 years.

He was a life member of the V.F.W. Post #2749 and member of the American Legion Post #86 both in Kendallville.

Ray coached youth baseball in Rome City during the 1960's for about 10 years. He looked after many kids and he made sure they had transportation to practice and games.

He was an avid I.U. and Chicago Cubs fan and he enjoyed playing golf in the past.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Waldron; sons, Dennis Waldron of Syracuse and Mark Waldron of Wawaka; daughter, Nancy Waldron of Wawaka; three grandchildren, Erica Waldron of Nappanee, Craig Waldron of Ligonier, and Travis Fisher of Wawaka; one great-grandson, Mason Waldron Shafer.

He was preceded in death by his brother, Carl Waldron; and his sister, Elva Waldron.

Funeral services were Friday, February 11, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main Street, Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Paul Griebel, St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville and Chaplain of the American Legion, Jim Forbes.

Burial was at Orange Cemetery near Brimfield.

Military honors were conducted at the graveside by members of the honor guard team of the V.F.W. Post #2749 and American Legion Post #381.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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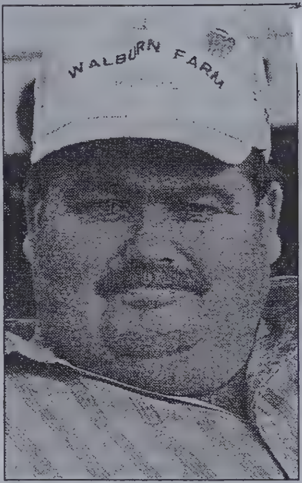
Thomas E. Walburn, 58



Thomas E. Walburn, age 58, of Cromwell, IN went to be with His Lord, on Friday February 12, in Lansing, MI.

Tom was born on November 26, 1952 at Lucky Hospital in Wolf Lake, IN to Edward and Norma Jean (Deisler) Walburn. He was part of the first class to graduate from West Noble High School in 1971. He later married Cindy Wuis on June 22, 1991. Over the years he worked at Don's Excavating and for John Deere as a mechanic. He was a lifetime area resident and attended Indian Village United Methodist Church for many years. He was also a member of the Belgian Draft Horse Corporation of America and the Indiana Draft Horse Breeders Association. Above all, Tom loved his wife, his family, and horses.

He is survived by his wife, Cindy Walburn of Cromwell; mother, Norma Jean Walburn of Cromwell; an uncle, Dale (Evelyn) Deisler of Finley, OH; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Edward G. Walburn in 2004; and his brother, David Walburn in 1984.

A funeral service was held in Tom's honor on Wednesday February 16, 2011 at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767.

Burial was at Indian Village Cemetery.

Rev. Comer Skinner, a special friend, and his sister-in-law Kate Johnson officiated. Pallbearers were Pete Meyers, Joseph Walburn, Daniel Bonga, Justin Johnson, Andrew Johnson, Ed Stump, Jim Raber, and Jeff Faber.

Honorary pallbearers were Dan McCulloch & Todd McCulloch.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the Belgian Draft Horse Youth and Education Fund, Inc., PO Box 335, Wabash, IN 46992.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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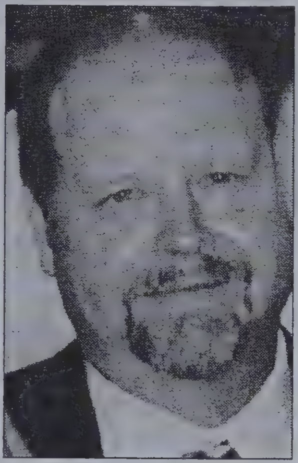
Larry "Poke" Sheaks, 57



Larry Wayne "Poke" Sheaks, 57, of Kendallville (formerly of Albion) passed away Saturday, February 5, 2011 at his residence in Kendallville.

Born February 19, 1953 to Lloyd and Ruby Mae (Curtis) Sheaks in Houston, Texas, Poke attended schools in several states, graduating from Argos High School at Argos, Indiana in 1972. He earned an associates degree from ITT Tech in Electronics and later studied Electrical Engineering at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

Poke began his career at Simplex Time Recorder Co. in 1974 (now known as Simplex Grinnell) where he worked the majority of his life.

A lifelong avid reader, he enjoyed everything from science fiction to the classics.

He also had an eclectic taste in music, including classical, new jazz & rock. With excellent troubleshooting skills and great patience for working through difficult problems, Poke would tackle most any project from repairing small appliances to building a porch or even rewiring an entire Victorian brick house.

Surviving are his wife of 35 years, Cheri; their four children, Matthew Sheaks, Cassandra (Mrs. Joshua) Wiley, Caitlin Sheaks, and William Sheaks; two grandsons, Dmitri Wiley and Rahvin Wiley; and one brother, Vance Sheaks.

Burial will be at Meadow, Texas. There will be no services at this time.

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Janice M. Waikel, 83

Janice M. Waikel, 83, passed away Thursday, February 10, 2011 at Millers Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Surviving are her daughters, Jannelle (Butch) Kelly and Alica (Richard) Sherman, Patricia (Jay) Greer; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and daughter-in-law, JoAnn Waikel.

Janice was preceded in death by husband, Donald Waikel; parents, John and Madeline Galloway; and son, David Waikel.

Service was February 15, 2011, at D.O. McComb and Sons Covington Knolls Funeral Home, 8325 Covington Road.

Burial was in Lindenwood Cemetery, Fort Wayne, Indiana. Memorials may be made to the donor's choice. To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Duane E. Weigel, 68

Duane E. Weigel, 68, of Ottawa, died 6:50 p.m. Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at Autumn Court Nursing Home, Ottawa. He was born April 4, 1942 in Wolf-Lake, IN to the late Milo and Blanche (Gaff) Weigel.

Duane is survived by a sister: Arlene Halsey of Kendallville, IN; a niece; a nephew; and five great-nephews.

There will be no service or visitation. Love Funeral Home, Ottawa is handling the arrangements.

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Frieda Miller

LIGONIER — Our loving mother and grandmother Frieda L. Miller, age 71, of Ligonier and formerly of Topeka, departed Provena Sacred Heart nursing home in Avilla to be with the Lord on February 15, 2011, at 6:40 p.m.

Mrs. Miller

She was born on May 12, 1939, to Levi and Susanna (Schrock) Christner in LaGrange County. In June of 1975, she married Mike Miller. He preceded her in death in 1993.

Frieda was a lifelong area resident and was a member of Wawasee Church of the Nazarene.

Prior to retirement, she worked for several years at Pent Assembly in Rome City.

She loved gardening, traveling and taking walks. Above all else, Frieda had a special love for her family, especially her grandchildren.

Surviving are her daughter, Michelle (Jeff) Beaver of Ligonier; her stepdaughter, Melanie (Barry) Lambert of Milford; five grandchildren, Chase, Colton, Trey, Raegan and Caden; two stepgrandchildren, Matt and Melissa; three brothers, Kenny (Ida) Christner of Mongo, Merle (Edna) Christner of Shipshewana, and her twin brother, Freeman (Pam) Christner of Virginia; and two sisters, Juanita Mast of Rome City and Anna (Bill) Mosley of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, her parents and one brother, Mervin Christner.

A funeral service will be held in Mrs. Miller's honor on Saturday, February 19, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor Marc Royer officiating.

Burial will be at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

There will be a time of visitation on Saturday, February 19, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. prior to the service at the funeral home. Memorial contributions are to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave., Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Paul Johnson

ALBION — Paul L. Johnson, 73, of Albion died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen, after being ill for the past five months.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion.

Visitation will be one hour prior to the service.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

A full obituary will appear in Monday's edition.

Gwendolyn Steigmeyer

GARRETT — Gwendolyn Steigmeyer, 84, of Garrett died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2011, at Vibra Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Steigmeyer worked as an inspector at Electric Motors in Garrett for 17 years.

She was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority.

She was born Jan. 5, 1927, in Garrett to Forrest and Georgia (Snyder) Moats. She married Jerome "Jerry" E. Steigmeyer on May 22, 1948, in Garrett and he died Oct. 26, 1993.

Surviving are three daughters, Marcia Krontz of Garrett, Cindy (Richard) Rassel of Garrett and Kathy (James) Grawcock of LaOtto; two sons, Steve Steigmeyer of Dripping Springs, Texas, and Mark (Michelle) Steigmeyer of Churubusco; a brother, Jack (Fern) Moats of Auburn; nine grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, and a sister, Jeanette Balthazar.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at Thomas Funeral Home and from 10-11 a.m. Saturday.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home with Pastor Tom Wilcoxson officiating. Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Memorials are to the DeKalb Heart Association.

Send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

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Ted Blotter

ANGOLA — Ted B. Blotter, 76, of Angola and formerly of Fremont, Ind., died Monday, February 14, 2011, at his Angola residence.

Mr. Blotter was a truck driver for Metal Spinners.

He was a member of the Fremont Moose Lodge and the Angola American Legion Post 31.

Mr. Blotter enjoyed spending the winter months in Texas. He also enjoyed squirrel hunting and fishing.

He was born February 13, 1935, in Fremont, Ind., to John Frank and Phyllis (Jordan) Blotter.

Surviving are a daughter, Mystie and Dave Sage of Angola, Ind.; four sons, Kevin Post of Angola, John Blotter of Angola, Randy and Beth Blotter of Fremont, Ind., and Tee and Suze Blotter of Avilla, Ind.; 11 grandchildren, Christopher Post, Carla Post, Michelle Rowe, Manda Blotter, Brandon Blotter, Kyle Blotter, Justin Ford, Raymond Blotter, Cassie Blotter, Nickolas Blotter, Joshua and Erin Kidd; many great-grandchildren; three sisters, Carol and Jim Skelly of Fremont, Penny and Kelyn Ireland of Fremont, and Jane Parker of Fort Wayne; and four brothers, Roscoe and Martha Blotter of Fremont, Jim and Carolyn Parker of Pleasant Lake, Hal and Joy Parker of Angola and Terry Parker of Fort Wayne;

He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Phil Parker and Tom Parker.

Visitation was from 5-8 p.m Wednesday, February 16, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today, Thursday, February, 17, 2011, at the funeral home. The Rev. Jon Bruney will officiate.

Burial will be in Jordan Cemetery at Fremont, Ind.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Send online condolences to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Deborah Killian

COLUMBIA CITY — Deborah K. Killian, 54, of Columbia City died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011, at her residence on Crooked Lake.

Ms. Killian

She had moved to Columbia City in 1986 from Noble County.

Ms. Killian was former agent for Farm Bureau Insurance, had worked at Dowell Insurance Co., previously owned the Auto Bath, had worked at Ken Thompson Construction and most recently owned the Charterbust Co.

She had been involved in the Big Sister Big Brother program since 1988.

She was a 1974 graduate of Central Noble High School.

She was born July 19, 1956, in Lebanon, Ind., to William E. Zollars and Ruth A. (Greeson) Remley. Her father survives in Indianapolis and her mother is deceased.

Surviving are a daughter, Jodie (Randy) K. Jordan of Columbia City; a son, Joshua (Dara) W. Moore of Columbia City; two brothers, Rick (Deb) D. Zollars of Ligonier and Bill (Kathy) E. Zollars of Stanford, Mich.; a sister, Beth (Wayne) A. Lewis of Wolcottville; her stepfather, Don Remley of Albion; and six grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Friday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City.

Memorial service will be follow at 7:p.m. with Pastor Joey Nelson of Stones Hill Community Church officiating.

Burial will be at a later date.

Memorials are to the family.

To send condolences to the family or sign the guest register, log on to www.demoneygrimes.com.

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Evelyn McCarty

BRYAN, Ohio — Evelyn J. "Rusty" McCarty, 85, of Bryan died Monday, Feb. 14, 2011, in her home after an extended illness.

Mrs. McCarty

Mrs. McCarty retired in 1982 after 58 years as a manager, bartender and hostess in several area restaurants.

She was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Bryan, the Bryan Moose Lodge 1064 and Bryan Eagles Aerie 2233.

She was a graduate of Kendallville High School in Kendallville, Ind.

She was born April 22, 1925, in Fort Wayne, Ind., to Cleeson A. and Beatrice I. (Wasson) Miller.

Surviving are a daughter, Judith A. Runyan of Lima, Ohio; a son, Thomas W. Easterday of California; seven grandchildren, Michelle Stone, Kelley Hartranft, Scott Pollick, Steven Collins, Kayleen Leonard and Todd R. Collins; 20 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Cheryl Hicks; a grandson, Gary Collins; and her grandmother, Ida Belle Lash.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Krill Funeral Home, 860 W. Mulberry St., Bryan, with a rosary at 7:30 p.m.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in St. Patrick Catholic Church, Bryan, with the Rev. James Halleron officiating. Burial will be in Fountain Grove Cemetery, Bryan.

Memorials are to Community Hospitals and Wellness Centers Hospital Hospice.

To sign the online register or to send condolences, visit www.krillfuneralservice.com.

William DePew

ANGOLA — William E. DePew, 72, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. DePew had worked at Magnavox and Kraft Foods.

He was born Dec. 15, 1938, in Garrett to Orville K. and Mary Rose (Weaver) DePew.

Surviving are two brothers, Daniel O. DePew of Adrian, Mich., and Alan J. DePew of Garrett; a sister, Christine Burke of Garrett.; and a friend Mary Kennard of Angola.

A sister, Sharon Brown, preceded him in death.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola. The Rev. Alan LaRue of Pleasant View Church of Christ will officiate.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Children Hospital.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

George Martinez

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — George G. Martinez, 53, of Hicksville died Tuesday, Feb. 14, 2011, at Hickory Creek of Hicksville.

Mr. Martinez attended Hicksville High School.

He was a member of St. Michael's Catholic Church, Hicksville.

He was born in Decatur, Ind., Feb. 22, 1957, to Albino R. and Christina A. (Ortiz) Martinez.

Surviving are two brothers, Manuel (Socorro) and Albino, both of Hicksville; a sister, Becky Perez of Defiance; and five nieces and four nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday St. Michael's Catholic church, Hicksville. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville, at a later date.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Memorials are to Community Health Professionals-Hospice.

Online condolences may be sent to www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

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Virginia Wiseman

COLUMBIA CITY — Virginia Rose Wiseman, 82, of Columbia City died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011, at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Wiseman

She had moved to Columbia City from Noble County.

Mrs. Wiseman was a 1946 graduate of Larwill High School.

She had with her mother at the Dairy Bar in North Webster and then worked for Group Dekko for 28 years at various locations.

Mrs. Wiseman was a member of the American Legion Post 253 Auxiliary in North Webster.

She was born May 9, 1928, in Fort Wayne to Roland "Victor" Phend and Hazlette (Brubaker) Ferguson.

Surviving are two sons, Charles Douglas (Vicky) Wiseman of Apple Valley, Minn., and Jack L. (Beesa) Wiseman of Pierceton; a daughter, Rebeckah R. Wiseman of Pierceton; 10 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; two sisters, Patricia Reiff of Warsaw and Shirley Webber of Rockville, Md.; and a brother, Bill (Connie) Phend of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a daughter, Teresa J. Plybon; a sister, Phyllis Mitchell; and a great-grandson, Logan Wiseman.

Visitation will be from 2-7 p.m. today at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City.

Funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with the Rev. Marilyn Gebert officiating.

Burial will be at Lakeview Cemetery in Larwill.

Memorials are to The Beamon Home and Passages.

Visit www.demoneygrimes.com. to send family condolences or sign the guest book.

Roberta Haloda

SHIPSHEWANA — Roberta D. Haloda, 66, of Shipshewana died unexpectedly Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011, at her residence.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday in the chapel of the mauseleum at Penn Lincoln Memorial Park in North Huntingdon, Pa. Burial will be in Penn Lincoln Memorial Park, North Huntingdon.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

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Carl Wimer

AUBURN — Carl D. "Joe" Wimer, 88, of Auburn died Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mr. Wimer

He was born Oct. 6, 1922, in Auburn, to Carl E. and Ruth H. (Mochamer) Wimer. They preceded him in death.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Navy serving during World War II, serving from 1942 to 1946.

After returning home from the service, he graduated from International Business College in Fort Wayne where he became a Certified Pubic Accountant.

Mr. Wimer was treasurer for Ruckman and Hansen Inc. for 26 1/2 years. He then went to work as treasurer/office manager for Northwest Allen County Schools for 12 years, retiring in 1985.

He was a member of the Auburn Presbyterian Church.

He was also a 60-year member of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn, Disabled American Veteran Baron Lodge, and Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge 1568 of Angola.

Mr. Wimer enjoyed fishing, hunting, all sports, and just being around people.

He was an avid reader and loved to dance, especially ballroom dancing.

He married Kathleen F. Houtzer on Nov. 1, 1942, in Auburn. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Gloria Wimer of Auburn; a daughter and son-in-law, Cheryl and David John of Auburn; three grandchildren and their spouses, Eric and Sarah Wimer of Fort Wayne, Brandy and Paul Sprague of Talbot, Tenn., and Greg and Lisa Metzger of Las Vegas, Nevada; 14 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Lyle Ewing officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Auburn Presbyterian Church or DeKalb County Heart Association.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Guenivere Stark

EDGERTON, Ohio — Guenivere A. Stark, 95, of Edgerton, Ohio, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011, at Park View Nursing Center in Edgerton, where she was resident.

Mrs. Stark

Mrs. Stark was a member of St. Mary Catholic Church in Edgerton.

She was born July 12, 1915, in Edgerton, to Daniel and Elza (Bercaw) Manon. She married Rupert E. Stark on April 5, 1934, and he preceded her in death on Nov. 16, 1979.

Surviving are five daughters, Regina (Ross) Strock and JoAnn (Robert) Lantz, both of Edgerton, Lois (Richard) Grime of Bryan, Ohio, Rita (Ned) Boland of Sherwood, Ohio, and Leone Miller of Bryan; six sons, Mervin Stark, of Edgerton, Dr. Meredith Stark of Kendallville, Ind., and James (Kathy) Stark, Thomas (Karla) Stark, Conrad (Rozalind) Stark, and Donald (Dorothy) Stark, all of Edgerton; 30 grandchildren; 44 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; and two sisters-in-law, Faye Manon, of Defiance, Ohio, and Janice Manon, of Bryan.

Also preceding her in death were one son, Dennis Joseph Stark; one grandson; four sisters, Clela Smith, Avona Hoffman, Rosalie Tobias and Myriel Gerber; and three brothers, LeMoyne, Merceil and Thayne Manon.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday in the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at St. Mary Catholic Church in Edgerton with the Rev. Stephen Schroeder officiating. Interment will follow in St. Mary Catholic Cemetery, Edgerton.

Memorials are to the Park View Nursing Center Activity Fund.

To sign the online register or to send condolences, visit www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Paul Pridgeon

STURGIS, Mich. — Paul R. Pridgeon, age 71, of Sturgis, Mich., went to be with his Lord and Savior on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011, at the Courtyard Healthcare Center in Goshen, Ind.

Mr. Pridgeon

He was born March 7, 1939, in Fairfax, Mich., a son to the late Ernest and Josephine (Roberts) Pridgeon.

On Sept. 2, 1985, at the First Presbyterian Church in Sturgis, Mich., he married M. Jane (Bashor) Julien.

Paul attended Lima School in Howe, Ind., and resided most of his life in Sturgis. He worked at Central Transport in Sturgis and retired in 1994 from A.N.R. Trucking.

Paul loved his Lord and Savior and enjoyed witnessing to anyone he could. He was involved in Jail Ministry, and along with his wife, nursing home ministry for many years.

He also enjoyed sailing on the area lakes with his sailboat and was a lover of animals.

Surviving are his wife, M. Jane Pridgeon; two children, Timothy B. Pridgeon, and Sherrie (Dan) Sleep of Fenton, Mich.; five stepchildren, Bryce and Debra (Julien) Eller and Edward and Diana (Julien) Sims, both of Texas, Douglas and Carrie Julien of Michigan, Patrick and Dawn (Julien) Woods of Indiana, and Darren Julien of California; his grandchildren, Conner Sleep of Michigan, Rhiannon Eller, Adrian Eller, Samantha Sims, and Delany Sims all of Texas, Alexander Julien of Michigan, Alicia (Woods) Nutwell of Maryland, Pvt. 1st Class Patrick Woods II of Kansans, and Erica Woods, George Woods, Anthony Woods, Nicolette Woods, Lillian Woods, Joshua Woods and Benjamin Woods all of Indiana; his great-grandchildren, Kainan Eller of Texas, Mason Nutwell of Maryland, and Patrick Woods III and Peyton Woods, both of Kansas; two brothers, Robert and Robin Pridgeon; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, James Pridgeon, D.D.S., and a sister, Nancy Thoms.

The family will receive friends and relatives from 2-5 p.m., Sunday at the Hackman Family Funeral Home, Rosenberg Chapel, 807 E. Chicago Road, Sturgis.

Funeral services celebrating the life of Paul R. Pridgeon will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at the Sturgis Baptist Church, 26268 W. Chicago Road, Sturgis, with Pastor Paul Delmark officiating.

Interment and graveside services will follow in Oak Lawn Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be directed to the Sturgis Baptist Church. Envelopes are available at the funeral home.

His obituary is also at www.hackmanfamilyfuneralhome.com where personal messages of support may be left for the family.

Woman killed in crash on U.S. 33

CHURUBUSCO — A Waterford, Miss., woman died in a crash Thursday on U.S. 33, near the Noble County line.

Teresa Trainer, 49, was pronounced dead at the scene, said a Whitley County Sheriff's Department news release.

The Jeep Trainer was driving was struck head-on by a van driven by 33-year-old Ryan Harter of Fort Wayne after he allegedly went left of center. The Jeep rolled down an embankment, landing on its top.

Trainer was pinned in the vehicle. One of her passengers, Alicia Newby, 35, of Churubusco, was ejected. She was listed in critical condition Thursday at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Harter and two other passengers in Trainer's vehicle were also taken to Parkview, according to the news release, but no further information was available at press time. Douglas Trainer, 52, of Waterford, complained of pain after the wreck and Russell Trainer, 24, of Churubusco, suffered a head injury, said the report.

Jerry Roberts

ANGOLA — Jerry L. Roberts died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011 at his home in Angola.

Services are pending at the Weicht Funeral Home, Angola.

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Leonard Fugate

WOLCOTTVILLE — Leonard Fugate, age 78, of Wolcottville died on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at his home in Wolcottville.

Mr. Fugate

Mr. Fugate was born in Milan, Indiana, on November 26, 1932, to the late Leonard and Luverna (Patrick) Fugate.

He married Shirley A. Carter on August 1, 1968, in Gallatin, Tennessee. They moved to Wolcottville in 1971.

Master Sergeant Fugate retired from the United States Army after 22 years. He was a drill instructor at Fort Knox in Kentucky for 17 years and served several tours of duty during the Vietnam and Korean wars.

After retirement, Leonard worked at Godfrey Boats in Elkhart for many years.

Leonard was a member of the Helmer Independent Baptist Church in Helmer.

He was a Kentucky Wildcat Basketball fan and enjoyed watching NASCAR racing.

Leonard loved his dog, Snowflake.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Fugate of Wolcottville; a son, Chris Fugate of Wolcottville; his brothers, James T. Fugate of Talcum, Kentucky. Joe Earl Fugate of Ary, Kentucky, Larry Ray Fugate of Springfield, Ohio, H.B. Fugate of Greensburg, Kentucky, and Dean Fugate of Albion; his sisters, Eva Mae Hostetler of Goshen and Brenda Sue Griffin of Howe; two sisters-in-law, Lillian DePew of Mooresville, Indiana and Marie Cook of Scottsville, Kentucky; and a brother-in-law, William Carter of Scottsville.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Danny Ray Fugate, Doff Martin Fugate and Charles Glenn Fugate, and a sister, Wilma Jean Fugate.

Visitation will be Sunday, February 20, 2011, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main S., Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, February 21, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Helmer Independent Baptist Church in Helmer.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Rick Davis and Pastor Terry Hines.

Burial will be at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Helmer Independent Baptist Church.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Leonard by Sunday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Bertha Mersch

FREMONT — Bertha Pearl Mersch, 87, of Fremont died on Thursday, Feb. 10, 2011, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mrs. Mersch

Bertha had lived with her daughter and son-in-law in Fremont for the past eight years. She was a former resident of Winamac and Royal Center.

She was a homemaker and had helped her husband on the farm.

She was a member of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola, and a former member of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Winamac.

Bertha loved spending time with her children and grandchildren. She had a smile that lit up her face and made you want to smile.

She also enjoyed working with puzzles, watching birds and squirrels, gardening and riding on the pontoon boat.

She was born on Nov. 3, 1923, in Clearwater, Neb., to Herman Axel and Flossie Pearl (Bebee) Anderson. Bertha married Joseph Carl Mersch on Nov. 29, 1941. He died Dec. 21, 1992.

She is survived by daughters Jeanette (William) Cady of Fremont, Janice Herrin of Lafayette, Jolene (A.J.) Loughran of Sterling, Colo., Judy (Butch) Shidler of Royal Center and Joetta Sines, Royal Center; and her sons, John (Pat) Mersch of Peru; Joe (Kerry) Mersch of Plymouth and Jack Mersch of Bloomfield, N.M. She also had 21 grandchildren and 52 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; four sisters Selma Pins, Emma Hawk, Viola Anderson and Elsie Anderson; and three brothers, Virgil Anderson, Robert Anderson and Orville Anderson.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, Feb. 15, at St. Peter's Catholic Church in Winamac, with Father Bill Kummer officiating.

Burial was in the St. Peter's Cemetery in Winamac.

Visitation was Monday, Feb. 14, at Frain Mortuary in Winamac.

Sympathy messages can be sent to the family at www.frainmortuary.com.

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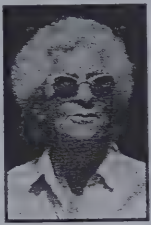
Thelma Hickman

ALBION — Thelma M. Hickman, 82, died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011, at 7:20 a.m. at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.


Mrs. Hickman

Mrs. Hickman was a lifetime area resident of Noble County.

She graduated from Cromwell High School.

Mrs. Hickman worked at Lyall Electric in Albion and retired from there when it moved to Cromwell.

Mrs. Hickman was a 40 plus year member of the Albion Eagles Lodge Auxiliary 2455.

She enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and fishing.

She was born Oct. 25, 1928, in Cromwell, Ind., to Harrison and Edna (Deargorf) Leamon.

She has been married to Hugh J. Hickman for the past 41 years, and he survives in Albion.

Other survivors include three stepdaughters, Debby Nine of California, Cindy Langohr of Albion and Colleen Castrillo; a stepson, Hugh Hickman Jr. of Albion; four grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her daughters, Theresa Amburgy and Linda Beverly; a grandson; a granddaughter; and eight brothers and sisters.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hickman will be on Monday, February 21, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Visitation will be on Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial following the funeral will be at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

Arthur Ramsey

CHURUBUSCO — Arthur L. Ramsey, 75, of Blue Lake died Friday, Feb. 18, 2011, at Kingston Care Center in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at the First Church of God in Columbia City. Interment will be in the Sidener Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Sunday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to the service Monday at the church.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, 6324 Constitution Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

Jerry Roberts

ANGOLA — Jerry L. Roberts, 74, of Angola died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Roberts

Mr. Roberts had moved to Angola six years ago from Atlanta, Ga.

He was a bank auditor.

Mr. Roberts served in the United States National Guard.

He attended Fairview Missionary Church in Angola.

He was born July 10, 1936, in Angola to Pliny and Ethel (Harmon) Roberts. He married Sarah A. Moss on Dec. 31, 1993. She survives in Angola.

Also surviving are two daughters, Michelle L. Roberts of Florida and Kristan Roberts and her husband, Piet Vega, of Fort Wayne; a stepdaughter, Tammy Soma of Atlanta, Ga.; a stepson, Jim Soma of Panama City, Fla.; a sister, Eleanor and Donald Rubendall of Muncie; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, John Harvey Roberts.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Norman Fuller officiating. Burial will be in South Scott Cemetery in Steuben County.

Visitation will be from 3-5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Fairview Missionary Church, 525 E. 200 N., Angola.

Sign a guest register at www.weichtfh.com.

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Tim Yoder

ANGOLA — Tim J. Yoder, 56, of Angola died Friday, Feb. 18, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Arrangements are pending at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont.

William Pfefferkorn

GARRETT — William John "Bill" Pfefferkorn, 57, of Gobles, Mich., and formerly of Garrett died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Pfefferkorn was in the grocery business most his life in the Garrett area.

He was a member of the Journey Church in Gobles and the Garret Eagles Lodge.

He was born Feb. 4, 1954, in Garrett to Norbert L. "Chub" and Elsie (Bockelman) Pfefferkorn. He married Maryann (Coleman) Smith in Gobles. She survives in Gobles.

Also surviving are two brothers, Kevin (Terri) Pfefferkorn of Auburn and Mark (Linda) Pfefferkorn of Big Long Lake, Wolcottville; a son, Will of Fort Wayne a stepdaughter: Jamie (Jeff) Clifton of South Bend; and six grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home, Garrett.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Gary Napp officiating.

Memorials are to the family in care of Maryann Pfefferkorn.

Send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Phyllis Carnahan

BUTLER — Phyllis J. Carnahan, 84, of Butler died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Carnahan was a homemaker.

She was a member of Christ's Church in Butler.

She was born in Harlan on Feb. 22, 1926, to William Roy and Aida (Bastress) Henry. She married Kenneth Dwight Carnahan on Feb. 1, 1948, in the Harlan Church of Christ. He died Dec. 8, 2003.

Surviving are her children, Kenneth Dwight (Sue) Carnahan Jr. of Butler, Kelly Don (Linda) Carnahan of Arcadia, Kerry Dale (Darcy) Carnahan of Butler, Melanie Lou (Mark) Strong of Spencerville and Tina Marie (Marvin) Clark of Angola; 15 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and brother-in-law and sisters-in-law, Duvern and Sharon Carnahan of Fort Wayne, Toni Henry of Harlan, Miki Lu Henry of Harlan and Betty Henry of Huntington.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a grandson, Adam Carnahan; five brothers; and four sisters.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Christ's Church in Butler with Dale Rabineau officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo, and also one hour prior to the service at the church Monday.

Memorials are to Christ's Church of Butler.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Longtime dispatcher loved auxiliary work

BY JENNIFER DECKER
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ANGOLA — Wilma Gilbert was in her glory volunteering for the Cameron Memorial Hospital Auxiliary, being motherly to police officers or cooking her family's favorite food.

She was known as a woman of many talents who was a longtime police dispatcher, a deputy for the Steuben County Sheriff's Department and member of the Cameron Hospital Auxiliary.

Mrs. Gilbert, 91, of Angola, died Jan. 30 at The Towne House Retirement Center in Fort Wayne.

One of her sons, George Gilbert, said his mother was familiar with hard work and was employed by Imhoff's Grocery Store in Pleasant Lake, Pet Milk Co. and also worked on the farm. She served as a dispatcher and deputy for the Steuben County Sheriff's Department for 10 years and as a dispatcher for the Angola Police Department for seven years. She retired in 1985. GIlbert said his mother took her job seriously, but didn't bring it home with her or tell stories about it.

"She took a job as a police dispatcher in 1968. While a dispatcher, she was named a deputy and may have been the first female deputy (in Steuben County). It became necessary to have a female deputy to transport female inmates," he said. "She liked the involvement and worked for three sheriffs. She moved to the city until her retirement in 1985. … She used to say she thrived on (emergency situations) and took great pride in communicating with officers (from dispatch)."

Her other son, Paul, said his mother was highly respected. "I used to run into retired law enforcement (officers), and they knew her by her voice and developed a respect for her. She was sort of the mom," Paul Gilbert said. "She worked hard to learn her job."

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Mrs. Gilbert

She was a member of the Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola, where she was a Sunday school teacher and superintendent. Her faith in God and church were important to her.

Mrs. Gilbert was a life member of the Cameron Hospital Auxiliary. She was an avid crocheter and made

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several baby blankets over the years and donated them to the Cameron Hospital Auxiliary. She also crocheted a baby blanket for each of her grandchildren for future great-grandchildren.

"She loved (to crochet) and would donate to the Cameron Auxiliary everything she did. Her proudest moment was when she was named a recipient of the Cameron Hospital Auxiliary Lifetime Award for donating 7,629 hours to service," George Gilbert said. "She donated her time in the gift shop, she moved around patients, was a surgery host, she headed up garage sales for the auxiliary. She had a passion for the hospital, and it gave her an outlet for donating her time."

George Gilbert recalled that after his father, Roger Gilbert, Wilma's husband, died the mother and son had lunch a few times a week together.

"We'd have farm food: mush, salmon patties, dandelion greens. She knew what we liked and tried hard to please," he said.

For her 80th birthday, George Gilbert took his mother for a ride on the back of his Harley-Davidson motorcycle. She loved it. "We went down I-69, and she got the biggest kick out of it," he said.

Mrs. Gilbert loved her family and was fiercely proud of them. There was always M & Ms or strawberry licorice in a candy jar for them. There was her traditional Christmas meal of red cabbage, Chinese lettuce salad and pie, while her hickory nut cake was a family favorite.

"She was a very strong, confident, caring and loving woman who passed on a positive legacy to all her family," George Gilbert said.

She also enjoyed traveling, reading mystery novels, gardening and her gladiolas, sending greeting cards to people, playing cards and playing Wii Bowling with her friends at Cameron Woods.

Paul Gilbert said his mother was adventuresome, but always tried to make the best of everything. He recalled a trip with her that was especially a treat for him.

"The two of us went to Washington, D.C., and took in all of the sights. My brother, George, was graduating from Marine officer training (they went to see him graduate)," Paul said.

Another specialty of hers was scalloped corn and oysters. Paul said for years, his mother took white meat and the breast when they were eating chicken or turkey. Paul realized as an adult his mother was lovingly sacrificing the dark meat, thighs and drumsticks for her boys, because they liked them best.

Mrs. Gilbert was born Jan. 10, 1920, in Pleasant Lake to Albert and Charlotte (Alleshouse) Ulmer. She married Roger Gilbert on Sept. 26, 1948. He died Dec. 22, 2000.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, George W and Stacy Gilbert of Angola and Paul and Sharon Gilbert of Pleasant Lake; and seven grandchildren, Katie Gilbert, Sarah Gilbert, Jared Gilbert, Amanda Gilbert, Mark Gilbert and his wife, Fallon, Stephanie Gilbert and Steven Gilbert.

Mrs. Gilbert was the youngest of nine children and was the last of that generation. She was also preceded in death by five brothers, Wellington Ulmer, Kenneth Ulmer, Maynard Ulmer, Lawrence Ulmer and Wilbur Ulmer; and three sisters, Vivaleen Brooks, Velma Van Auken and Iona Shipe.

Burial was in the Pleasant Lake Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Pleasant View Church of Christ or RISE Inc.

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Jerry Mumma

FORT WAYNE — Jerry L. Mumma, 67, passed away Friday, Feb. 18, 2011 at his home surrounded by his family.

Born in Fort Wayne, he was a self-employed general contractor and craftsman for over 40 years.

He enjoyed traveling to Maui, woodworking, assembling his annual Christmas village, growing Hibiscus and spending time with his family. He was a wonderful husband, father and awesome grandpa, and will be greatly missed by all.

Mr. Mumma

He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Carol A. Mumma; son, Jerry Scott (fiance Evon) Mumma; daughters, Teri Sliger, Chris (Allan) George of Fort Wayne, and Julie (Curtis) Fee of Auburn; grandchildren, Travis, Emily and Wesley Sliger, Brendan Mumma, Tyler Oswalt, Kacey and Blake George, Carlie, Mitchel and Jessi Fee; brothers, Phil Mumma of Fort Wayne, Michael Mumma of Kendallville, and Richard Mumma of Avilla; and sisters, Joan Wagner of Kendallville, Carol Heiman of Avilla, and Janet Meyers of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Audrey and Merrill Mumma, and brother, Gary Mumma.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011 at Messiah Lutheran Church, 7211 Stellhorn Rd., Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior to services. Rev. Timothy Graham will be officiating.

Calling will also be from 2-5 and 7-9 p.m. Monday, Feb. 21, 2011 at D.O. McComb and Sons Mapelwood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Rd., Fort Wayne.

Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park, Fort Wayne.

Memorials may be given in his name to Parkview Home Health and Hospice or Messiah Lutheran Pre-School and Kindergarten.

To sign an online guest book, got to www.mccombandsons.com.

Kevin Lambright

LAGRANGE — Kevin Lambright, stillborn, of LaGrange, died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011 at Parkview LaGrange Hospital, LaGrange.

Calling was held Friday, Feb. 18, 2011, and a funeral service was held Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011. Burial was in Mast Cemetery, LaGrange.

Carney-Frost Funeral, LaGrange, was in charge of arrangements.

Rosemary Sweigart

LAGRANGE — Rosemary Sweigart, 87, of LaGrange, died Friday, Feb. 18, 2011 at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Timothy Yoder

ANGOLA — Timothy J. Yoder, 56, of Angola, Ind., died at 8:33 a.m. Friday, Feb. 18, 2011 at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, Ind. after a brief and unexpected illness of one month.

Mr. Yoder

He was born on June 29,1954 in Goshen, Ind. to William J. and Peggy Jo (Sleeth) Yoder. He married Kathy (Brumbaugh) on April 24, 1982 in Elkhart, Ind. She survives in Angola.

Mr. Yoder was self-employed as a manufacturer's sales representative. He also had helped occasionally part-time at Beams Funeral Home.

He was a graduate of Westview High School, and he grew up in Middlebury, Ind.

He was a U.S. Navy veteran, serving his country from 1973-1979 as a sonar technician aboard the USS Pharris FF 1094.

He and his wife Kathy moved to Angola in 1989.

Mr. Yoder was a member of Angola United Methodist Church and the Angola Elks Lodge. He loved all sports and being outdoors. He was a great fan of the Indianapolis Colts, Chicago Cubs, Notre Dame, NASCAR and "Tony Stewart," doing lawn work in his yard, landscaping and antique cars.

He was a great practical joker, and loved to have cookouts, golf and fish. He enjoyed being in his yard, working, traveling and having fun with family, friends and neighbors.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are: three daughters, Jeri and Ed Forrest, Fort Wayne, Lindsay and Justin Steury, Angola, and Ashley Yoder, Atlanta, Ga.; three grandchildren, Jayden Pearson, Grace Steury and JJ Steury; and a sister, Tamra Jo Faux, Gsohen.

His parents preceded him in death.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011 at Angola United Methodist Church, Angola, with Rev. Tim Terrell officiating. Burial will be in Lakeside Cemetery, Fremont, with military committal services conducted by members of Fremont American Legion Cassel Post 257. A dinner will be served at the Angola Elks Lodge immediately following the committal services.

Visitation will be noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011 at Angola United Methodist Church, Angola.

Memorials are to the Angola Elks Lodge or donor's choice.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, is in charge of arrangements.

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Brian Jones

ANGOLA — Brian L. Jones, 64, passed away Wednesday, Feb. 16, 2011 at St. Petersburg, Fla.

He was born in Indianapolis, Ind. where he lived most of his life until moving to Fort Wayne and then retiring at his beloved lake home on Lake James in Angola.

Mr. Jones

He is survived by his wife Cindy Jones, daughters Jennifer (Scott) Selhart and Shelly Jones, both of Indianapolis, stepsons Chase and Blake Oliphant, both of Fort Wayne, brother Gary (Joyce) Jones and his family, all of Indianapolis, and his beloved dog Hoosier.

He was preceded in death by his first wife Joellen Jones, parents Gene and Eleanor Jones, sister Judy Jones and his dog Tucker.

Brian owned and operated Machine Tools Inc. in Indianapolis, Dolphin Marine in Fort Wayne and worked at Buchanan Hauling and Rigging and Charleston Auctioneers. He was also a Mason.

In his retirement, he was active and passionate in many organizations and the Lakes of Steuben County. He had a great love for boating, socializing and his family and friends.

There will be celebrations of the life for Brian at Club Paradise, 3861 North Bay View Road, Angola on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011 from 6 to 10 p.m. and at Ironwood Golf Course, 10955 Fall Road, Fishers, Ind. on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011 from 3 to 9 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Steuben County Humane Society in his honor for his love of dogs.

D.O. McComb and Sons Pine Valley Park Funeral is handling arrangements.

To sign the online guest book go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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Max Wappes

AUBURN — Max K. Wappes, 74, of Auburn, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Wappes

Born April 14, 1936 in Garrett, he was the son of the late William and Mildred Wappes. He worked for Auburn Gear and retired after 42 years of service. He was a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Surviving are his wife, Erma J. Wappes of Auburn; a son and his companion, Mark Wappes and Dana Robbins; daughters and sons-in-law, Kathy and Dennis Arnold of Auburn and Donna and Lanny Fredrick of Auburn; grandchildren, Adam and Andrew Arnold, Nathen and Alyssa Fredrick, and Kyle Wappes; great-granddaughter, Naysha Fredrick; sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Dick Griffin of Garrett; and brothers and sisters-in-law, George and Helen Wappes of Auburn and Jack and Jean Wappes of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday at 11 a.m., with calling one hour prior, at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn. Father Derrick Sneyd will officiate. Visitation also will be Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. Burial will be in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Memorials are to Masses or the American Diabetes Association.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com.

Paul Johnson

ALBION — Paul L. Johnson, 73, of Albion, died on Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011, at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen, after being ill for the past 5 months.

He was born on Jan. 15, 1938, in Noble County to the late Lyman and Edna (Firestone) Johnson. He was a lifetime resident of Noble County. On Nov. 16, 1958, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion, he married Rhonda Tucker. She survives in Albion.

Mr. Johnson was a Corrections Officer for Chain O' Lakes Correctional Facility and retired from there after 17 years of service. He was a veteran of the United States Army, and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

He loved country music, enjoyed woodworking, and spending his time with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Rhonda; two sons, Eric (Veronica) Johnson and Richard (Kathy) Johnson, both of Albion; four grandchildren, Corina Williams of Albion, Michelle Croft of Fort Wayne, and Benjamin Johnson and Bob Johnson, both of Albion; two great-grandchildren; a sister, Roberta Fisher of Ligonier; and a brother, Robert Johnson of Albion.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Johnson, and three sisters, Lucille Weeks, Barbara Johnson and Phyllis Wells.

A memorial service will be on Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011, at 11 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion. Memorial visitation will be one hour prior to the service there.

Please make memorial contributions to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Please go to brazzellfuneral.com to send online condolences or to sign the register book.

David DeCoursey

AUBURN — David G. DeCoursey, 74, of Auburn and formerly of Arizona, died Sunday Feb. 20, 2011 at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Local private family services will take place. Public services and burial will be held in Peoria, Ariz.

Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn, is handling arrangements.

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Florence Kammerer

WEST BEND, Wis. — Florence A. Kammerer, age 85 years, of West Bend, Wis., and formerly of Grafton, Wis., died Saturday, February 19, 2011, at Cherry Meadows Hospice in Appleton, Wis.

Mrs. Kammerer

She was born January 5, 1926, in Illinois, the daughter of Ervin and Gertrude Locke Novean. On August 30, 1946, she married William Kammerer in Woodstock, Ill. He preceded her in death in 2004.

Florence was a longtime member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Grafton.

Throughout the years, Flo and her husband traveled and lived in various places, cultivating many dear friendships which continued to develop and grow over the years.

She enjoyed spending time with her granddaughter, great-granddaughter, nieces, nephews and many friends.

Flo is the mother of the late Susan (James) La Pointe and is survived by her granddaughter. Tiffany (Robert Bursek) La Pointe of Appleton and great-granddaughter Arabella Bursek, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Funeral services will be Wednesday evening, February 23, at 6 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 701 Washington St., Grafton, with Pastor Kenton Wendorf officiating.

Burial will be in St. Paul Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 4-6 p.m. Wednesday at the church.

In lieu of flowers, memorials will be appreciated.

Eernisse Funeral Home, 1600 W. Grand Ave., Port Washington, Wis., is in charge of arrangements.

Online condolences may be left at www.eernissefuneralhome.com.

Pauline Bair

CHURUBUSCO — Pauline Bair 89, a resident of rural Churubusco and widow of Ralph L. Bair, passed away at 6:50 p.m. Sunday, February 20, 2011, at her home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Bair

Mrs. Bair was born near Merriam on April 17, 1921, a daughter of Tonda and Millie (Winebrenner) Keister. She spent her formative years in that area, and graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1939.

On March 29, 1941, she was married in Noble County to Ralph L. Bair. The couple lived most of their married lives in Green Township in Noble County until moving to their present home west of Churubusco in 1993.

As a young woman, she had worked at Blue Bell in Columbia City.

A member of the Merriam Christian Chapel, she had served as the church's janitor for several years, was president of the Sarah Circle, and was active in the church's children's ministries.

She was also a member of the Highlighters Home Demonstration Club. She enjoyed her flower gardens and crafts, and most importantly, loved her family and serving her Lord.

Mr. Bair preceded her in death on January 17, 2003.

The surviving relatives include her children Connie Bair, Keith (Deidre) Bair, and Curt (Diane) Bair, all of Churubusco, and Paula (Bill) Shultz of Albion; a brother Paul E. Keister of Albion; a sister Ilene Zumbrum of Columbia City; a brother-in-law Alton Parker of Albion; three sisters-in-law Nora Jane Bair and Mary Lois Edwards, both of Albion, and Anita Bair of Churubusco; eight grandchildren; and 14 great grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister Virginia Parker; a sister-in-law Barbara Keister; and a brother-in-law Harold Zumbrum.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, February 24, 2011, at the Merriam Christian Chapel with Pastor Terry L. Zolman officiating. Internment will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

The family will receive friends in the church multi-purpose room on Wednesday, February 23, 2011, from 2 to 8 p.m. or in the church sanctuary one hour prior to the service Thursday morning.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the church mission's fund.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Bair's memory, long on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Mary Dunn

NEW HARMONY — Mary Alice (Hamil) Dunn, 87, passed away Sunday, February 20, 2011, at the home of her daughter and son-in-law in New Harmony.

Mrs. Dunn

She was born in Troy, N.Y., on October 20, 1923, the oldest of two children to John and Elizabeth (O'Keefe) Hamil.

She was an Irish descendant of Mary Queen of Scots.

She married George B. Dunn Jr. in 1944. They were married in Schenectady, N.Y. They had three children — one daughter and two sons. Mary was blessed with seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Mary had worked as a dental hygienist. She was quite a seamstress and had made several wedding gowns, one for her daughter and several for friends. She also enjoyed knitting and crocheting and had made more than 100 afghans, mos of which were given away. She was an avid collector of Hummel figurines, dishes and spoons. At Christmas time, Mary would make 1,000 dozen cookies to be enjoyed by family and friends.

She traveled to Switzerland and England. She had lived in New York, Lynn, Mass., Fort Wayne, Ind., Royal Palm Beach, Fla., and recently in Mt. Vernon and Evansville. She had numerous friends in each place she had lived.

Mary was preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 48 years, George; and her brother, James Hamil.

She is survived by her daughter, Margaret (Peg) Redwine and her husband, James; sons, James Dunn and his wife, Kathleen, and Gerald Dunn; her grandchildren, Heather Ricketts and her husband, Tony, Nichole Faulkner and her husband, Doug, James Ramsey, Eric Miller, Sarah Sidler and her husband, Adam, Hannah Dunn, and Lt. Col. James Redwine and his wife, Gina; her great-grandchildren, Alec and Adrian Ricketts, Kerstin Sutton, Paxton and Jonathan Faulkner, Bodie and Clea Miller, Cali and Aiden Sidler, and Nick and Elyse Redwine; her sisters-in-law, Ann Hamil and Ellen (Albert) Beaudoin; and a nephew, Bob (Rachel) Brown.

Services will be at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at Schneider Funeral Home, 512 Main St., Mt. Vernon, Ind., with D. Jane Redwine Bartlett officiating. Burial will follow services at Davis Funeral Home in Craftsbury Common, Vt.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. today, Tuesday, February 22, at the funeral home.

Condolences may be made online at www.schneiderfuneralhome.com

Charles Syndram

WOLCOTTVILLE — Charles E. "Sunny" Syndram, 76, of Wolcottville passed away Sunday, February 20, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Syndram

He was born August 6, 1934, in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Syndram was a U.S. Navy veteran.

He retired in 1996 as a fork lift driver with Nestle after 26 1/2 years.

He was a member of Faith Lutheran Church, American Legion Post 423, Fraternal Order of Eagles 985 and VFW 2479.

Mr. Syndram was an avid reader and loved computer games.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia A. Syndram, of Wolcottville; three sons, Steven Syndram and Charles Syndram, both of Fort Wayne, and James Syndram, of Wolcottville; two daughters, Catherine (Syndram) Terrell, of Lancaster, Calif., and Cynthia (Syndram) Posey, of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; a brother, Richard Syndram of Fort Wayne and a sister, Dorothy Davis of Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 23, at Klaehn, Fahl and Melton, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St., Fort Wayne, with calling two hours prior to the service. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

Preferred memorials are to Faith Lutheran Church.

Send condolences online to www.klaehnfahlmelton.com.

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Marian Diehl

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Marian E. Diehl, 93, died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011, at Twin Rivers Care and Rehabilitation Center in Defiance.

Mrs. Diehl had worked at Elder's Market in Mark Center and at the Casual Shop in Hicksville.

She was a member of the Mark Center United Methodist Church, United Methodist Women and the VFW Auxiliary.

Mrs. Diehl was a volunteer for Community Memorial Hospital and the Bargain Box in Hicksville.

She was born Aug. 8, 1917, in Allen County, Ind., the daughter of Thomas and Elnora (Krontz) Allen. She married Robert E. Diehl Sr. on Dec. 18, 1934. He preceded her in death on July 3, 2006.

Surviving are two sons, Robert Edwin (Rita) Jr. of Cadillac, Mich., and Jim (Nancy) of Jacksonville, Fla.; two daughters, Sharon (Steve) Sierer of Oakwood, Ohio, and Mary Ann Eck of Auburn, Ind.; 14 grandchildren; 31 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; a sister, Patsy Kimpel of Hicksville; and a brother-in-law, Darrell Jones of Mark Center.

She was preceded in death by her husband and by two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at Smith & Brown Funeral Home in Hicksville, with an hour visitation prior to the service. Pastor Jim Spears and Clarence Zimmerman will officiate.

Visitation will also be from 2-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Memorials may be made to the Twin Rivers Activity Fund.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

Dorothy Feick

GOSHEN — Dorothy Mae Feick, 72, of Goshen died Friday, Feb. 18, 2011, at her home.

Mrs. Feick was a registered nurse at River Oaks OBGYN.

She was an active member of First United Methodist Church, Goshen Tri Kappa, CAPS, and Maplecrest Country Club.

Mrs. Feick was a 1957 graduate of Garrett High School.

She was born Jan. 11, 1939, in Garrett to Ernest and Norma (Harvey) Crow. She married Fred L. Feick on Aug. 26, 1961. He survives in Goshen.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Scot A. and Heidi Feick of Brownsburg, Steven D. and Michelle Feick of Goshen, and James R. and Diann Feick, Elkhart; four grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and and two sisters and brothers-in-law, Barbara and Gene Bartels of North Webster, and Donna and Jerry Bowmar of Port Orange, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. today at First United Methodist Church, 214 S. 5th St., Goshen. Pastors Ed and Brenda Fritz will officiate. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church.

Burial will be at Sugar Grove Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorials are to the Dorothy Feick Fund for Youth at First United Methodist Church.

Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen is in charge of arrangements.

Send online condolences to yoderculpfuneralhome.com.

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Andrew Gamble

GARRETT — Andrew Gamble, 66, of Garrett died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Gamble had worked in maintenance at Maverick Molding in Garrett, retiring in 2010.

He was a member of the Garrett Eagles.

He was born Aug. 11, 1944, in Hazard, Ky., to French and Dora (Perkins) Gamble.

Surviving are a daughter and two sons, Andrea S. (Bryan) Leverenz of Garrett, Charles E. Mullins of Garrett and Jimmy D. (Christina) Gamble of Connersville; seven grandchildren; two brothers, Ed Gamble of Houston, Texas, and Charlie Gamble, Mylan, Mich.; and four sisters, Bertha Payton of Garrett, Emma Harter of Auburn, Eva McCelliam of Punta Gorda, Fla., and Carolyn High of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his former wife: Nyoka Faye Gamble; a brother, John Gamble; two sisters, Betty Payton and Alma Frost; and a grandchild.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Services will be at at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Pastor David Jordan of the First Baptist Church in Laurel, Ind., officiating.

Burial will follow in Embrey Cemetery near Garrett.

Memorials are to the family.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting: www.thomasfuneralhome.or

Memorials are requested to Zion Lutheran Church.

To sign the online register or to send condolences, please visit www.krillfuneralservice.com.

William DePew

ANGOLA — A memorial service for William E. DePew has been changed to Thursday at 10 a.m. at the H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

The Rev. Alan LaRue of Pleasant View Church of Christ will officiate.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Children Hospital.

Mr. DePew, 72, died Tuesday, Feb. 15, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola.

James Woodworth

HOUSTON, Texas — James W. Woodworth, 60 of Houston died Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011, at Ben Taub Hospital in Houston.

Memorial services will be held at a later date.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society.

Beatrice VanKleek

KENDALLVILLE — Beatrice B. VanKleek, 91, of Kendallville died Monday, Feb. 21, 2011, in Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

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Eugene Miller

EDGERTON, Ohio — Eugene C. Miller, age 88, of Edgerton, Ohio, died at 2:25 a.m. on Friday, February 18, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana, where he was patient.

Mr. Miller retired as a self-employed contractor.

He was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church near Edgerton.

He served in the United States Army during World War II and was a member of Bryan VFW Post 2489.

Eugene C. Miller was born on January 14, 1923, in Milford Township, Defiance County, Ohio, the son of Zeno and Lulu (Heisler) Miller. He married Welma J. Miller on July 19, 1950, in Edgerton, Ohio, and she preceded him in death on July 22, 2009.

Mr. Miller is survived by two grandsons, Michael Meyer, of Edon, Ohio, and Eugene Meyer, of Butler, Indiana; three great-grandchildren, Chawn Calloway, Emma Gene Meyer and Braylon Meyer; three nieces, Debbie Frances, Lisa Fast and Lori Fast-Minkema; one nephew, Lyle Fast; one son-in-law, George Roehrs of Edgerton; and a brother-in-law, Robert Fast of Edgerton.

Also preceding him in death were his daughter, Marti Roehrs; his parents; one sister, Marcia Fast; and a nephew, Lonnie Fast.

Visitation for Eugene C. Miller will be held today, Tuesday, February 22, 2011, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, Edgerton.

Services will be held on Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at 11 a.m. in Zion Lutheran Church, near Edgerton, with the Rev.Lanny Zup officiating. Visitation will also be held one hour prior to the service beginning at 10 a.m. in the church. Interment will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery, Edgerton, with graveside military rites conducted by Bryan VFW Post 2489.

Memorials are requested to Zion Lutheran Church.

To sign the online register or to send condolences, please visit www.krillfuneralservice.com.

Milo Link

MIO, Mich. — Milo Maxwell Link, 93 of Mio, died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011, at Grayling Mercy Hospital in Grayling, Mich.

Mr. Link moved to Auburn from Michigan as a young boy. He later moved to Vandebilt, Mich., before settling in Mio in 1973.

He was a tool and die maker for many years and worked for American Plastics in Rose City, Mich.

Mr. Link served in the military during World War II.

He was born Dec. 20, 1917, in Beulah, Mich., to Evan and Nide (Cramer) Link.

Surviving are his wife, Marjorie Maxine (McCelland) Link; his son, Michael M. Link of Mio; and two sisters, Wilma Carper and Mazzie Jean Gwynn, both of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his son, Dean Link; and his brothers, Curt, Arnold, and Hershel "Dutch" Link.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m to 1 p.m. Thursday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn, Ind.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home with Pastor Steve Evans officiating. Interment will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Lashley Funeral Home Inc. of Mio, Mich., and Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn, Ind., are in charge of arrangements.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Two dead from crashes

Cromwell man dies; five injured

BY BOB BUTTGEN
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LIGONIER — One man died and five people were injured Tuesday morning when two vehicles collided on U.S. 33 south of Ligonier, police said.

Harry W. Hart, 70, of Cromwell was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash. It occurred at 9:22 a.m. about one mile north of West Noble High School, and closed U.S. 33 for more than an hour.

Hart was driving southbound on U.S. 33 in a 2006 Ford F150 truck when he apparently crossed the centerline, police said in a news release.

His truck collided with a northbound 2004 Volkswagen driven by Hattie Hamman, 44, of Ligonier. She and all four of her passengers suffered injuries in varying degrees, according to Sgt. Joe Hutsell of the Noble County Sheriff's Department.

Noble County EMS personnel

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arrived within minutes and called for the Samaritan medical helicopter.

Two of Hamman's passengers, Billy Hamman, 38, and Emily Hamman, 15, were flown by Samaritan to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Emily Hamman complained of chest and adominal injuries, and was listed in serious condition Tuesday night by hospital officials. Billy Hamman was in fair condition.

Hattie Hamman and passengers Charles Caudill, 46, and Allison Hamman, 9, also were taken to Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. Updates on their conditions were not available Tuesday night, but Hutsell said their injuries did not appear to be serious.

Several agencies responded to the accident. A crew from the city of Ligonier Street Department cleared a landing area at Stone's Hill Community Church for Samaritan.

Also assisting were Ligonier Police, Indiana State Police, Ligonier Fire Department, Sparta Township Fire Department and the Noble County coroner's office.

Both vehicles were total losses, Hutsell said.

Weather and road conditions may have been a contributing factor in the accident, but not primary factors, he said.

Funeral arrangements for Mr. Hart are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

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Rome City man dead from injuries

BY BOB BRALEY
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ALBION — A Rome City man has died of injuries sustained in a head-on crash Monday morning, the Noble County Sheriff's Department said Tuesday.

Timothy Archbold, 51, of Rome City died Monday afternoon of injuries sustained in the accident, deputies said.

Gerry Herendeen, 61, of Albion was driving northbound on S.R. 9, north of C.R. 500N, at about 6:25 a.m. when his 2005 GMC Envoy crossed into the southbound lane of the ice-covered road, according to a sheriff's department report.

Archbold was traveling southbound and tried to steer his 2000 Ford E-150 out of the way, but the vehicles collided head-on.

Archbold was pinned in his vehicle and was extricated by Noble County EMS.

He suffered a severe fracture of the left leg, head wounds and a

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possible fracture of his right arm, police said. He was transported by EMS to Parkview Hospital at Fort Wayne, where he arrived in critical condition.

Herendeen complained of head, neck and back pain and also was transported to Parkview Hospital.

He was not listed in the hospital directory Monday afternoon.

THIS STORY *was posted on thenewssunonline.com at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.*

Richard Haslett

GOSHEN — Richard E. Haslett, 76, of Goshen died Monday, Feb. 21, 2011, at his home.

There will be no public services.

Memorial contributions may be made to Cancer Care Center, Goshen.

Yoder-Culp Funeral Home in Goshen is in charge of arrangements.

Clifford Vaughn

LAGRANGE — Clifford Vaughn Jr., 65, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011, at his residence.

Arrangements are pending at Carney-Frost Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Harry Hart

CROMWELL — Harry W. Hart, 70, of Cromwell passed away unexpectedly Tuesday, February 22, 2011 as the result of an automobile accident.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

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Eddie Hall

LIGONIER — Eddie Wilson Hall, age 66, of Dry Creek, Ky., passed away on Monday, February 21, 2011, at his residence from natural causes. He was born on January 23, 1945, in Indian Creek in Pike County, Ky., to Edward and Margaret (Bailey) Hall.

Mr. Hall worked for Lippert Components for over 15 years as a welder.

Surviving are his children, Eddie Hall of Reamstown, Pa., Andrea Nelson of Ligonier, Ind., and Anthony Caudill of Mansfield, Ohio; nine grandchildren, Kairi and Kiana Hall, Chelsea, Adam, Austin and Cheyanne Caudill, Kaitlyn Eash, Briann Deel and Lily Nelson; five brothers, Eugene Hall of Ligonier, Ind., Vernon Hall of Ligonier, Ind., Billy Hall of Syracuse, Ind., John Hall of Middlebury, Ind., and Jimmy Hall of Ligonier, Ind.; six sisters, Louise Lecount of Ligonier, Ind., Helen Bevies of Ligonier, Ind., Lucille Losee of Ligonier, Ind., Lois Isaac of Kendallville, Ind., Peggy Cadena of Ligonier, Ind., Teresa Gaff of Ligonier, Ind. and Donna Hall of Ligonier.

He was preceded in death by his father; a brother, Ralph Hall; and one great-grandchild.

A funeral service will be held in Hall's honor on Saturday, February 26, 2011, at 6 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Jimmy Webster officiating.

There will be a time of visitation on Saturday, February 26, 2011, from11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 4-6 p.m. prior to the funeral service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to his mother, Margaret Hall, for a special memorial fund.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

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Dorothy Kimes

AUBURN — Dorothy M. Kimes, 97, of Auburn died Monday, February 21, 2011, at her granddaughter's home in Lehighton, Pa.

Mrs. Kimes was a homemaker.

She had also been a housekeeper and had worked at Fort Wayne Tailoring and Universal Tool and Stamping.

Mrs. Kimes was a volunteer with R.S.V.P. and a member of the Auburn Church of the Nazarene. She also belonged to Spencer Belles Homemakers Club and Auburn Home Economics Club.

She was born in Adams County on Sept. 11, 1913, to Charles and Minerva (Liechty) Kelley. She married Virgil Kimes on May 3, 1934, in Garrett. He died Sept. 10, 2001.

She is survived by a son and his companion, Virgil Kimes Jr. and Marcia Casey of Auburn; two daughters, Carolyn Sinclair of Nesquehoning, Pa., and Lois Shull of Butler; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; a brother, John Kelley of Fort Wayne; and three sisters, Fay Deright of Murrieta, Calif., Mary Kelley of Fort Wayne and Ruth Jansen of North Port, Fla.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; a daughter, Diane Kimes; a grandson, Denny Akey; daughter-in-law, Barbara Kimes; and two sons-in-law, Glen Akey and William Shull; three brothers Richard, James and Robert Kelley; and a sister, Lucile Kelley.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Auburn Church of the Nazarene with the Rev. Dan White officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

Memorials can be directed to the Auburn Church of the Nazarene, R.S.V.P. or the Heimach Center.

To send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Andrew Gamble

GARRETT — Andrew Gamble, 66, of Garrett died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Gamble had worked in maintenance at Maverick Molding in Garrett, retiring in 2010.

He was a member of the Garrett Eagles.

He was born Aug. 11, 1944, in Hazard, Ky., to French and Dora (Perkins) Gamble.

Surviving are a daughter and two sons, Andrea S. (Bryan) Leverenz of Garrett, Charles E. Mullins of Garrett and Jimmy D. (Christina) Gamble of Connersville; seven grandchildren; two brothers, Ed Gamble of Houston, Texas, and Charlie Gamble, Mylan, Mich.; and four sisters, Bertha Payton of Garrett, Emma Harter of Auburn, Eva McCelliam of Punta Gorda, Fla., and Carolyn High of Angola.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his former wife: Nyoka Faye Gamble; a brother, John Gamble; two sisters, Betty Payton and Alma Frost; and a grandchild.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Services will be at 2 p.m. today, Wednesday, Feb. 23, at the funeral home with Pastor David Jordan of the First Baptist Church in Laurel, Ind., officiating.

Burial will follow in Embrey Cemetery near Garrett.

Memorials are to the family.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting: www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Winnie Bowles

FORT WAYNE — Winnie L. Bowles, 86, of Fort Wayne and formerly of Edon, Ohio, and Angola died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Bowles had worked at Cameron Memorial Hospital in the housekeeping department.

She was born April 20, 1924, in Butler to Burton and Louella (Bowers) Hollinger.

Surviving are her husband, Dean Bowles of Edon, Ohio; two daughters, Kathy Bowles of Perrysburg, Ohio, and Cherry and Michael Amstutz of Fort Wayne; four stepsons, Gary and Kathleen Bowles of Edon, Ohio, Lonny and Rose Bowles of Alvordton, Ohio, Ricky and Dorcas Bowles of Franklin, Tenn., and Larry and Dale Bowles of Mount Vernon, Ky.; three sisters, Pauline Moffatt of Duncan, Okla., Janet Kieffer of Indianapolis and June Acker of Kendallville; and 12 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and her first husband, Donald Locke.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola with the Rev. Walter Hicks officiating. Burial will be in Mount Zion Cemetery in Steuben County.

Visitation will be from 12:30-2 p.m. prior to the funeral service.

Sign a guest book at www.weicthfh.com.

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Sidney Pepe

FORT WAYNE — Sidney "Sid" Pepe, 90, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, February 19, 2011.

Born in Fort Wayne, Sid was a WWII Army Air Corps veteran serving in Europe.

He worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 33 years, retiring in 1975.

Sid then was a bookkeeper for the Evangelical Mennonite Conference.

He was a member of Highland Bethel Church and was involved in Summit City Lines, Three Rivers Railroad Heritage Council, United Methodist Men, NATMUS, Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum, and treasurer of Lincoln Highway Historical Association.

Surviving are his sons, Mike (Sharon) Pepe of Fishers, Ind., and Doug (Laura) Pepe of California; a grandson, Max Klinger; and brother, Charles (Joan) Pepe of Arizona.

Sid was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years, Eleanor Pepe, and parents Charles and Mina Pepe.

Funeral service is at 11 a.m. Friday, February 25, 2011, at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., with the Rev. Nate Schumacher and the Rev. Bryce Winteregg officiating.

Calling is from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Burial is in Leo Memorial Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the EMC.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Ronna Vaden

FREMONT — Ronna Bowman Vaden, age 47, of Fremont, Indiana, passed away on Friday, February 18, 2011, at her residence.

She was born in Surry County on December 10, 1963, to Ronald and Ruby (Flynn) Bowman.

Ronna worked as an accounting manager at Diversified Management in Angola, Indiana.

Ronna Vaden is survived by her loving fiance, Mike Henry of Fremont, Ind.; her parents, Ronald and Ruby Bowman of Siloam, N.C.; one brother, Nathan and Cathy Bowman of Welcome, N.C.; and her nephews, Jonathan and Daniel Bowman. Also surviving in Indiana are Mary Lou Reed (Mums) and Uncle Bob and Aunt Jane Osterholt.

Ronna Vaden was preceded in death by one brother, Barry Dean Bowman.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, February 24, 2011, at Siloam Baptist Church in Siloam, N.C., at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Bill Faw officiating. Interment will follow in the church cemetery.

The family will receive friends today, Wednesday, February 23, from 6-8 p.m. at Cox-Needham Funeral Home in Pilot Mountain, N.C.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Steuben County Humane Shelter, P.O. Box 204, Angola, IN 46703.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 23, 2011, Wednesday

One killed, four hurt in crash

Teresa Trainer, 49, of Waterford, Mississippi, died in the crash, which happened on US 33 near the Noble-Whitley County Line. Police say she was northbound just before 5 p.m. on Friday, February 18, 2011 when her SUV was hit head-on by a van driven by Ryan Harter, 33, of Fort Wayne.

Harter went left of center for an unknown reason, according to the Whitley County Sheriff's Department.

The impact caused Trainer's 2006 Jeep Liberty to roll down an embankment before coming to a stop on its top. The rollover left Trainer pinned in the wreckage and ejected her passenger, Alicia Newby of Churubusco. Two other occupants of the Jeep, Douglas Trainer of Mississippi and Russell Trainer of Churubusco, were also hurt; all three passengers were taken to Fort Wayne hospitals for treatment. Harter was also hospitalized, after complaining of chest pain.

One of the patients was transported by helicopter to Lutheran Hospital, while Noble and Whitley County EMS crews treated and transported the rest to Parkview Hospital. They were assisted by Churubusco firefighters, who also helped set up a landing zone and extricate Teresa Trainer. Also assisting at the scene were the Whitley and Noble County Sheriff's Departments and Churubusco Police Department.

Emergency responders responded to the scene of a US 33 wreck just south of the Noble/Whitley County Line Friday afternoon. One woman was killed in the head-on crash, and four others were injured. (Churubusco News photo)

ALBION NEW ERA
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Two killed in separate crashes

NOBLE COUNTY, Ind. — A Cromwell man was killed in a two vehicle crash on US 33 Tuesday morning, February 22, 2010.

According to a police report, Harry Hart, 70, of Cromwell was traveling south on U.S. 33 approximately 1½ miles south of Ligonier in his 2006 Ford F-150 pickup truck at about 9:22 a.m. when his vehicle crossed the center line. His vehicle was then struck by a 2004 Volkswagen SUV driven by Hattie Hamman of Ligonier.

Hart was pronounced dead at the scene of the crash.

Hattie Hamman and four passengers in her vehicle, William Hamman, Charles Caudill, Allison Shepherd and Billy Hamman, all of Ligonier were transported to Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne - two of the patients were airlifted, the others taken by ambulance.

Both vehicles were totaled in the crash.

Assisting at the scene were the Ligonier Police Department, Indiana State Police, Ligonier Fire Department, Sparta Township Fire Department, Noble County EMS and Noble County Coroner's Office.

An accident just north of Albion killed a Rome City man Monday morning, February 21, 2011, and left an Albion woman injured. It was one of over three dozen weather related crashes around Noble County, as freezing rain, sleet, and then snow fell over the area.

Timothy Archbold, 51, was critically injured when the truck he was driving collided head-on with another vehicle on SR 9, just north of CR 500 N. Police say Gerry Herendeen, 61, of Albion, was northbound at about 6:25 a.m. when she crossed the center line into the path of Archbold's southbound truck. Archbold apparently swerved right in an attempt to avoid a collision, but was unable to.

The pavement was extremely slick at the time due to falling temperatures and a coating of ice.

The impact left Archbold with head injuries, a severe fracture to his left leg, and a possible arm fracture. He was pinned inside the Ford F-150, and had to be extricated by members of the Albion and Orange Township Fire Departments.

Herendeen complained of head, neck, and back pain, according to the Noble County Sheriff's Department. Medivac helicopters were unable to fly due to the weather conditions, so both drivers were taken by Noble County EMS ambulance to Parkview Main Hospital in Fort Wayne. At about 1 p.m., investigators were notified that Archbold had been pronounced dead as a result of his injuries.

Both vehicles were totaled, with the Ford receiving heavy front end

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damage, and Herendeen's 2005 GMC Envoy sustaining damage to the front driver's side area. A guardrail was also smashed. SR 9 was shut down for almost an hour as wreckage was removed from the accident scene.

Other units assisting at the scene included the Sheriff's Department, Albion Police Department, and Noble County EMS.

Later in the morning another accident happened on SR 9 just a short distance north of the first. In the second crash the driver, Tammy Steele, was not hurt, but the impact of sliding off the roadway into a field flattered both passenger side tires of her 2000 GMC Safari.

Forty weather related incidents were reported to the Noble County Sheriff's Department Monday, most of them in the morning. They were classified as 4 accidents involving injury, 23 property damage accidents, 9 slide-offs, and 4 disabled vehicles. About six inches of snow fell in the county during the day, but many of the accidents related to earlier rain, sleet, and freezing rain that froze to surfaces as the temperature dropped overnight with additional snow.

David John Ruddell, 67

David John Ruddell, age 67 died on Saturday, February 12, 2011 at his home in Kimmell. He was born in Graves End, England on October 17, 1943.

Surviving are his wife, Jane M. (Paule) Ruddell, of Kimmell and a son, Andrew W. Ruddell of Kimmell, and also a brother, George Ruddell of Scotland.

Graveside services were on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at Stringtown Cemetery near Cromwell.

Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel, handled arrangements.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
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Leonard Fugate, 78

Leonard Fugate, age 78, of Wolcottville, died on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 at his home in Wolcottville.

Mr. Fugate was born in Milan, Indiana on November 26, 1932 to the late Leonard and Luverna (Patrick) Fugate.

He married Shirley A. Carter on August 1, 1968 in Gallatin, Tennessee. They moved to Wolcottville in 1971.

Master Sergeant Fugate retired from the United States Army after 22 years. He was a drill instructor at Fort Knox in Kentucky for 17 years and served several tours of duty during the Vietnam and Korean wars.

After retirement, Leonard worked at Godfrey Boats in Elkhart for many years.

Leonard was a member of the Helmer Independent Baptist Church in Helmer.

He was a Kentucky Wildcat Basketball fan and enjoyed watching NASCAR racing.

Leonard loved his dog, Snowflake.

Survivors include his wife, Shirley Fugate of Wolcottville; son, Chris Fugate of Wolcottville; brothers, James T. Fugate of Talcum, Kentucky, Joe Earl Fugate of Ary, Kentucky, Larry Ray Fugate of Springfield, Ohio, Dean Fugate of Albion, and H.B. Fugate of Greensburg, Kentucky; sisters, Eva Mae Hostetler of Goshen, and Brenda Sue Griffin of Howe; sisters-in-law, Lillian DePew of Mooresville, Indiana, and Marie Cook of Scottsville, Kentucky; brother-in-law, William Carter of Scottsville.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Danny Ray Fugate, Doff Martin Fugate, Charles Glenn Fugate; and sister, Wilma Jean Fugate.

Funeral services were Monday, February 21, 2011 at Helmer Independent Baptist Church in Helmer.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Rick Davis and Pastor Terry Hines.

Burial was at Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Helmer Independent Baptist Church.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 23, 2011, Wednesday

Pauline Bair, 89

Pauline Bair, 89, a resident of rural Churubusco and widow of Ralph L. Bair, passed away at 6:50 p. m. on Sunday, February 20, 2011, at her home following an extended illness.

Mrs. Bair was born near Merriam on April 17, 1921, a daughter of Tonda and Millie (Winebrenner) Keister. She spent her formative years in that area, and graduated from Wolf Lake High School in 1939.

On March 29, 1941 she was married in Noble County to Ralph L. Bair. The couple lived most of their married lives in Green Township in Noble County until moving to their present home west of Churubusco in 1993.

As a young woman she had worked at Blue Bell in Columbia City. A member of the Merriam Christian Chapel, she had served as the church's janitor for several years, was president of the Sarah Circle, was a member of its Missions Board, sang in the church choir, and was active in the church's children's ministries.

She was also a member of the Highlighters Home Demonstration Club. She enjoyed her flower gardens and crafts, and most importantly loved her family and serving her Lord.

Mr. Bair preceded her in death on January 17, 2003.

The surviving relatives include her children, Connie Bair, Keith (Deidre) Bair, and Curt (Diane) Bair, all of Churubusco, and Paula (Bill) Shultz of Albion; a brother Paul E. Keister of Albion; a sister Ilene Zumbrun of Columbia City; a brother-in-law Alton Parker of Albion; three sisters-in-law Nora Jane Bair and Mary Lois Edwards, both of Albion, and Anita Bair of Churubusco; eight grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by a sister Virginia Parker; a sister-in-law Barbara Keister; and a brother-in-law Harold Zumbrun.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 24, 2011, at the Merriam Christian Chapel with Pastor Terry L. Zolman, officiating.

The family will receive friends in the church multi-purpose room on Wednesday from 2 to 8 p.m., or in the church sanctuary one hour prior to the service Thursday morning.

Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the church mission's fund.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Bair's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Frieda L. Miller, 71

Our loving mother and grandmother Frieda L. Miller, age 71, of Ligonier, formerly of Topeka, departed Sacred Heart Nursing Home in Avilla to be with the Lord on February 15, 2011 at 6:40 p.m. She was born on May 12, 1939 to Levi & Susanna (Schrock) Christner. In June of 1975 she married Mike Miller, he preceded her in death in 1993.

Frieda was a lifelong area resident and was a member of Wawasee Church of the Nazarene. Prior to retirement she worked for several years at Pent Assembly in Rome City. She loved gardening, traveling, and taking walks. Above all else, Frieda had a special love for her family, especially her grandchildren.

Surviving is her daughter, Michelle (Jeff) Beaver of Ligonier; step-daughter, Melanie (Barry) Lambert of Milford; five grandchildren, Chase, Colton, Trey, Raegan, and Caden; two step-grandchildren, Matt and Melissa; three brothers, Kenny (Ida) Christner of Mongo, Merle (Edna) Christner of Shipshewana, a twin brother, Freeman (Pam) Christner of Virginia; two sisters, Juanita Mast of Rome City and Anna (Bill) Mosley of Kendallville. She was preceded in death by her husband; parents; and one brother, Mervin Christner.

A funeral service was held in Mrs. Miller's honor on Saturday, February 19, 2011. Burial was at Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

Memorial contributions are to the Alzheimer's Association, 225 N. Michigan Ave. Floor 17, Chicago, IL 60601.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 23, 2011, Wednesday

Deborah K. Killian, 54

Deborah K. Killian, age 54, of Columbia City, Ind. passed away at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at her residence on Crooked Lake.

Born on July 19, 1956 in Lebanon, Ind., she was the daughter of William E. Zollars and Ruth A. (Greeson) Remley.

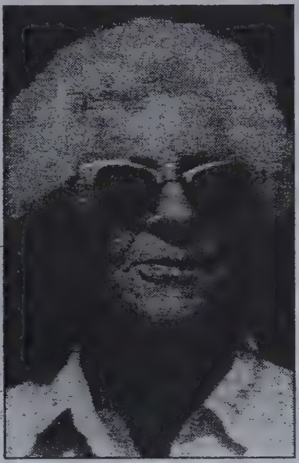
She moved from Noble County to Columbia City in 1986. She graduated from Central Noble High School with the Class of 1974. She was a former Farm Bureau Insurance agent, worked at Dowell Insurance Company, and past owner of Auto Bath all of Columbia City. She also worked at Ken Thompson construction and most recently was self employed as the owner of the Charterbust Company. She was involved in the Big Sister Big Brother program since 1988.

Survivors include her daughter, Jodie (Randy) K. Jordan of Columbia City; son, Joshua (Dara) W. Moore of Columbia City; brother, Rick (Deb) D. Zollars of Ligonier, Ind.; sister, Beth (Wayne) A. Lewis of Wolcottville, Ind.; brother, Bill (Kathy) E. Zollars of Stanford, Mich.; father, William E. Zollars of Indianapolis, Ind.; step-father, Don Remley of Albion, Ind; and six grandchildren, Tyler, Emma, Jarrett and Tucker Jordan, and Jackson and Sydney Moore all of Columbia City. She was preceded in death by her mother, Ruth A. Remley.

Memorial service was Friday, Feb. 18, 2011 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, IN with Pastor Joey Nelson of Stones Hill Community Church officiating. Burial will be at a later date. Memorials may be given in memory of Ms. Killian to the family. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. To send condolences to the family or sign the guest register, please log onto www.demoneygrimes.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 23, 2011, Wednesday

Thelma M. Hickman, 82



Thelma M. Hickman, age 82, died on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at 7:20 a.m. at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

She was born on October 25, 1928 in Cromwell, Indiana and was the daughter of Harrison and Edna (Deargorf) Leamon. She was a lifetime area resident of Noble County.

Mrs. Hickman graduated from Cromwell High School, and worked at Lyall Electric in Albion and retired from there when the company moved to Cromwell.

She has been married to Hugh J. Hickman for the past 41 years, and he survives in Albion.

For over 40 years she has been a member of the Albion Eagles Lodge #2455 Auxiliary.

She enjoyed crossword puzzles and fishing.

Other survivors include three step-daughters, Debby Nine of California, Cindy Langohr of Albion, and Colleen Castrillo; a step-son, Hugh Hickman Jr. of Albion; four grandchildren; and several great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her daughters, Theresa Amburgy and Linda Beverly; a grandson; and granddaughter; and eight brothers and sisters.

Funeral services for Mrs. Hickman were on Monday, February 21, 2011 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Burial followed the funeral at Merriam Christian Chapel Cemetery.

Please go to brazzellfuneralhome.com to send online condolences.

ALBION NEW ERA
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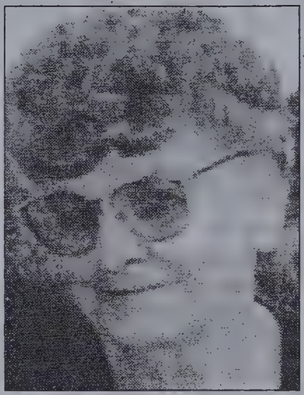
February 23, 2011, Wednesday

Virginia Rose Wiseman, 82



Virginia Rose Wiseman, age 82, of Columbia City, passed away on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 8:45 a.m. at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne. Born on May 9, 1928 in Fort Wayne, she was the daughter of Roland "Victor" Phend and Hazlette (Brubaker) Ferguson.

She lived in Columbia City and Larwill, until her marriage, then moved to Tippecanoe Township, Kosciusko County, then moving to Noble County and later in life moving back to Columbia City. She graduated from Larwill High School with the Class of 1946. She worked with her mother at the "Dairy Bar" in North Webster and then worked for Group Dekko for 28 years at different locations. She was a member of the American Legion Auxilary Post #253 in North Webster.

Survivors include a son Charles Douglas (Vicky) Wiseman of Apple Valley, MN; a daughter, Rebeckah R. Wiseman of Pierceton; and a son Jack L. (Beesa) Wiseman of Pierceton; 10 grandchildren including Tami Miller, who was reared by her grandmother and in return Tami became her caregiver late in life; seven great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; two sisters, Patricia Reiff of Warsaw and Shirley Webber of Rockville, MD; one brother, Bill (Connie) Phend of Fort Wayne. She was preceded in death by her parents; daughter, Teresa J. Plybon; sister, Phyllis Mitchell; and great-grandson, Logan Wiseman.

Funeral services were held Friday, February 18, 2011 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City with Reverend Marilyn Gebert officating. Burial was at Lakeview Cemetery in Larwill. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given in Mrs. Wiseman's honor to The Beamon Home and Passages. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Please visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 23, 2011, Wednesday

Jack Wayne Bell, 70

Jack Wayne Bell, 70, of Albion died Thursday, February 10, 2011, in Lake County, Florida.

Jack was born on July 26, 1940, in Wolcottville to Samuel R. and Alta Winona (Brown) Bell.

He served our country honorably as a member of the U.S. Army National Guard.

Jack graduated from Kendallville High School in 1959 and married his high school sweetheart, Sally (Palmer) Bell on September 1, 1962.

Jack was a lifetime area resident and a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Kendallville for many years. He was owner and operator of Bell's Upholstery and an active member of the Cole YMCA. Mr. Bell previously served as the Wayne Township trustee.

Jack was an avid sports enthusiast, a loyal Detroit Tigers fan, and he loved spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by a daughter, Melissa Smith of Denver, N.C.; three grandchildren, Nathan, Andrew and Kiersten Smith of Denver, N.C.; two brothers, Sam Bell of Wolcottville and Daryl Bell of Kendallville; three sisters, Donna Newcomb of Crocker, Missouri, Della Rhinesmith of Mongo, and Jeannie Tropp of Wolcottville; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife of 47 years; a brother, Jim Bell; and a sister, Bonnie Bell.

The life of Jack Bell will be celebrated at the South Milford United Methodist Church on Saturday, February 26, at 11 a.m. with the Rev. Jim Bartlett officiating.

Memorial contributions may be directed to the South Milford United Methodist Church, the Mongo United Methodist Church, or the Cole Family YMCA.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 23, 2011, Wednesday

Paul L. Johnson, 73

Paul L. Johnson, 73, of Albion, died on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at Goshen General Hospital in Goshen, after being ill for the past 5 months.

He was born on January 15, 1938 in Noble County to the late Lyman and Edna (Firestone) Johnson. He was a lifetime resident of Noble County.

On November 16, 1958 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion, he married Rhonda Tucker. She survives in Albion.

Mr. Johnson was a Corrections Officer for Chain O' Lakes and retired from there after 17 years of service. He was a veteran of the United States Army, and a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

He loved country music, enjoyed woodworking, and spending time with his family.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Rhonda; two sons, Eric Johnson and Richard Johnson, both of Albion; four grandchildren, Corina Williams of Albion, Michelle Croft of Fort Wayne, Benjamin Johnson, and Bob Johnson, both of Albion; two great-grandchildren; and a sister and brother-in-law, Roberta and Billy Fisher of Ligonier.

He was preceded in death by brothers, Robert and Richard Johnson; and sisters, Lucille Weeks, Barbara Johnson, and Phyllis Wells.

A memorial service was held on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel was in charge of arrangements. Please go to brazzellfuneral.com to send online condolences or to sign the register book.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 23, 2011, Wednesday

John Carl Thompson, Sr., 80

John Carl Thompson, Sr., 80, passed away February 13, 2011 at 11:00 A.M. at his residence in Kendallville.

Mr. Thompson was born in Haskins County, Ohio on January 21, 1931 to the late Roy and Anna Grace (Brown) Thompson.

He was a United States Army Veteran where he achieved the rank of Corporal. He moved to Noble County in 1972, and retired after 26 years from Newman Foundry in Kendallville. He loved to hunt, fish and do woodworking.

He married Mary (Treadway) Thompson on January 7, 1971 in Fort Wayne. She survives in Kendallville.

Other family surviving are his sons, John Thompson Jr., and Mike Thompson; stepdaughter, Beverly (Randy) Marker; step-sons, Earl D. (Becky) Price, John A. (Jackie) Price and Terry Baumgartner; grandchildren, Josh Morris, Joseph Price, Nicholas Reeves, Adam Brady, Clifford Price, Matt Baumgartner, Terry Baumgartner Jr., Sandra Price, Stacy Price, April Marker-McClurt, and Kristine Pfeiffer; six great-grandchildren.

Also surviving is his sister, Kate Lemon.

Funeral services were on Thursday, February 17, 2011 at the Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. The Rev. Ken Weaver officiated.

Burial followed at the Orange Township Cemetery, near Wawaka. The Albion American Legion Post #242 conducted a military graveside service.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
February 23, 2011, Wednesday

Betty Wilson, 86

Betty Loraine Wilson, 86, of Markle, Ind. went to be with her Lord on Monday, Feb. 21, 2011, at 1:30 a.m. at Ball Memorial Hospital in Muncie, Ind.

Betty was born on Oct. 23, 1924, the daughter of A.B. and Margie Thayer in Wells County, Ind. She was a 1942 graduate of East Rock Creek High School, Wells County.

Betty was a homemaker and loving wife, mother, grandmother and great grandmother. She was a member of the Markle Church of Christ, where she enjoyed volunteering at church events and helping others. She also enjoyed Red Hatters, playing cards, golf and travel to England, Scotland, Italy and Mexico.

She will be sadly missed by two sons Roy A. Weaver (Marilyn) of Muncie and Steven L. Weaver (Rhonda) of Ft. Wayne and grandsons Nicholas and Ryan Weaver (Kayla), granddaughters Caren Rickett (Matt), Jennifer Cotton and Heidi Tucker; great grandchildren Maya Cotton, Madison and Dawson Tucker and Lillian Weaver and sisters Alma Woodward and Georgene Anderson as well as extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by husbands Floyd A. Weaver, Jr., Paul V. Geiger, and Dale E. Wilson, brother Shirley Thayer and sister Christine Felton, great grandson Clayton James Tucker, and great granddaughter Rose Cotton.

A celebration of her life will be at 11 a.m., Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011, at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Rev. Brian Lakin officiating. Burial will be in the Gardens of Memory, Huntington County, Indiana.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 24, 2011, Thursday

Howard Lake

KENDALLVILLE — Howard J. Lake, 93, passed away Tuesday, February 22, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Lake

Born in Fort Wayne, IND., Howard worked as an Accountant with Phelps Dodge for 35 years, retiring in 1983.

He was a member of St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville and a WWII Army veteran who was awarded the Bronze Star.

Howard enjoyed spending time at the lake and driving his pontoon boat.

Surviving are his daughters, Cynthia J. Hundt of Waukesha, Wis., and Beth (Bill Trigg) Volosin of North Lima, Ohio; his grandchildren, Adam (Kelly) Hundt of Waukesha, Wis., Nathan Hundt of Milwaukee, Wis., Kate (Eric) Gaul of Lafayette Hill, Pa., and Ben Volosin of Poland, Ohio; a sister, Alice Siples of Safety Harbor, Fla.; two stepsons, Jerry Schumm of Toledo, Ohio, and Jeff (Rena) Schumm of Kendallville; two stepdaughters, June (Richard) Kuhn of Kendallville and Joyce (Doug) Eldridge of Goshen; five step-grandchildren; 10 stepgreat-grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Janet Rison of Fort Wayne; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and many many friends.

Howard was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin and Hazel Lake; his first wife, Mary Jane Lake; his second wife, Erma Schumm Lake; and his sisters, Evelyn Hoffman and Edna Guinnup.

Services are at 10 a.m. Friday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Ave., Fort Wayne, with the Rev. Paul Griebel officiating.

Visitation will be today, Thursday, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Concordia Cemetery Gardens, Fort Wayne, Ind.

Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or the Easter Seals of Fort Wayne.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

Cary Moss

ASHLEY — Cary P. Moss, 37, of Ashley died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

A memorial service will take place at 1 p.m. Friday at Brookside Church, 6102 Evard Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Willie Sims officiating.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Amber Moss.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

Tim Archbold

ROME CITY — Tim L. Archbold, 50, of Rome City passed away February 21, 2011.

He was born in Fort Wayne on June 2, 1960, to the late Ned and Joan (Lord) Archbold.

He installed HVAC systems for Flow-Tech.

He enjoyed films of all kind, especially older ones.

Tim experimented with cooking, as well as with sheet metals. He was an avid Chicago Bears fan, and was a very family oriented man.

Surviving relatives include his wife of 26 years, Marsha (Biehl) Archbold; his children, Rease Archbold of Rome City, Spenser (Wendy) Archbold of Franklin, N.C., Colton Archbold of Rome City, and Devin Archbold of Rome City; his sisters, Debra (Randy) Rolf and Lynn (Robert) McComas, both of Fort Wayne; and many other friends.

Also preceding him in passing was a grandson, Jason Grant.

A funeral service will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, February 26, 2011, at Elzey-Patterson-Rodak Funeral Home, 120 West Mill St., Ossian, with calling one hour prior.

Calling hours will also be from 4-8 p.m. on Friday, February 25, 2011, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to the family.

Please visit www.elzey-patterson-rodak.com to leave condolences and further information.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
February 24, 2011, Thursday

Edward Kyle

PORT ORANGE, Fla. — Edward G. “Popeye” Kyle, 75, of Port Orange died Sunday, Feb. 20, 2011.

Mr. Kyle was born and raised in Brooklyn, N.Y. He graduated from Brooklyn Preparatory School and then went on to graduate from Tri-State College in Angola, Ind., with a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering.

He served as an officer in the United States Naval Reserve for four years.

Mr. Kyle worked on the Atlas missile program in San Diego, Calif., and then moved to Indiana. He worked as a project engineer for the Indiana Department of Transportation and then worked as the county engineer for Steuben County for 25 years. He also owned a private surveying practice in Steuben County.

After he and his wife, Willie, moved to Florida, he served as the Florida Department of Transportation maintenance engineer in Jacksonville for three years. He then transferred to the Volusia County office and was employed as a resident engineer with the Florida DOT for 13 years before he retired in 1998.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years Wilma “Willie’ ’Kyle and his children, Dennis Kyle of Cocoa Beach, Fla., Alex Kyle of Fort Wayne, Joe Kyle of St. Augustine, Fla., Laura Loveberry of Quincy, Mich., and Mary Kyle of Cocoa Beach, Fla.; and seven grandchildren.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the Harbour Point Clubhouse at 1152 Harbour Point Drive, Port Orange, Fla. A reception will follow the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his name to Hospice of Volusia/Flagler, 3800 Woodbriar Trail, Port Orange, FL 32127, or to a charity of the donor’s choice.

Cards may be sent to Wilma Kyle at 1144 Harbour Point Drive, Port Orange Florida, 32127.

Harry Hart

CROMWELL — Harry W. Hart, age 70, of Cromwell and formerly of Syracuse, Ind., passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, February 22, 2011, as the result of injuries in an automobile accident.

Mr. Hart

He was born on October 7, 1940, to Wesley and Wilhelamine (Strong) Hart in Norfolk, Neb. On June 7, 1969 he married Michele Miller.

Growing up in Omaha, Neb., he joined the United States Navy right after high school. After 23 years in the Navy, most of those being in the submarine service, he retired as a MMCM/SS.

Harry and his family moved to Syracuse, Ind., in 1982 and then to Cromwell, Ind., in 1989.

Surviving are his wife, Michele of Cromwell; a son, Jason Hart of Cromwell; a brother, John (Pat) Hart of Overland Park, Kan.; a sister, Patricia (Jerry) Jones of Cheyenne, Wyo.; three nieces; and three nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Nora Glenn.

A funeral service will be held in Mr. Hart’s honor on Friday, February 25, at 6 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier, with Celebrant Larry Baker officiating.

There will be a time of visitation on Friday, February 25, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 6 p.m. prior to the start of the funeral service at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions are to the Wounded Warrior Project, 7020 AC Skinner Pkwy., Suite 100, Jacksonville, FL 32256 or the Veteran’s Association of America, P.O. Box 309 Audubon Station, New York, NY 10032.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

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Robert Smith

SPENCERVILLE — Robert W. Smith, 96, of Spencerville died Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

He was born April 9, 1914, in Huntertown to Samuel C. and Ida A. (Baer) Smith.

Robert was a farmer all his life and also worked as a security guard for 21 years.

Mr. Smith

He was a 1932 graduate of Huntertown High School. He played varsity basketball all four years he was in school.

He was a member of Spencerville Methodist Church.

Robert married Audrey Farver on October 7, 1939, in Centerville, Ind., and she survives.

He is also survived by a daughter, Sharon Dorsey of Fort Wayne; a son and daughter-in-law, Gordon and Barb Smith of Spencerville; eight grandchildren, Debbie (Tom) Bailey, Dawn Glover, Tracy (Tim) Walters, Jerry (Christy Coon) Smith, Sherry (Larry) Carcione, Faith (Mike) Robison, Crystal (Ben) Dean and Roxanne Smith; and 14 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Josh Robert Smith; nine brothers; and two sisters.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Friday, February 25, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, Ind., with the Rev. Donna Gammon officiating. Burial is in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is today, Thursday, from 4-8 p.m. and also two hours prior to the service Friday from noon to 2 p.m.

Memorials can be directed to Spencerville United Methodist Church or a charity of the donor's choice.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Rose Keith

COLDWATER, Mich. — Rose B. Keith, 81, of Coldwater died Tuesday, February 22, 2011, at the Community Health Center of Branch County.

Services are Friday at 3 p.m. at Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater. Visitation will be 1-3 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Katherine Weber

ALBION — Katherine "Katy" Fay (Norris) Weber died Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at home.

Services are at 11 a.m. Monday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion with Pastor Phyllis Smoots officiating. Cremation will follow and burial of ashes will be at Rose Hill Cemetery, Albion.

Calling is Saturday from 1-7 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Memorials are to St. Mark's Lutheran church or the Audubon Society.

Bernard Atkins

CROMWELL — Bernard M. "Rebel" Atkins, 64, of Cromwell died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011, at Goshen General Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Owen Family Funeral Home, 1001 S. Huntington St., Syracuse. Burial will be in Syracuse Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to assist with funeral expenses.

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Kathryn Hamilton

BUENA VISTA, Colo. — Kathryn L. Hamilton of Buena Vista and formerly of Metz, Ind., died Sunday, February 20, 2011, in Buena Vista.

Her husband, Robert M. Hamilton Sr., predeceased her on August 19, 2004.

Mrs. Hamilton

She was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, on June 1, 1927.

Mrs. Hamilton loved reading, quilting and baking.

She was a seamstress in the Drapery Department at Sears on Brooklyn Avenue in Fort Wayne, and later retired from Scott's Deli in Angola, Indiana.

She is survived by daughters, Sharon Hamilton of Buena Vista, Colorado, Janet Van Horn of Fort Wayne, and Anita (Mike) Wehrmeister of Fort Wayne; and sons, Robert M. (Cheryl) Jr., Walter G., James M. (Maryann), all of Metz, Indiana, and Paul R. (Francis) of Taft, Tennessee; 10 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

In accordance with her wishes, there will be no services and no calling.

Laura Boyd

ASHLEY — Laura M. Boyd, 91, of Ashley died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Arrangements are pending at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Beverly Kundard

EDON, Ohio — Beverly J. Kundard, 82, of Edon, Ohio, died Wednesday, February 23, 2011, in her home.

Services are Sunday at 1 p.m. in the Edon United Methodist Church with Pastor David Miller officiating. Interment will follow in Edon Cemetery.

Calling is Saturday from 2-8 p.m. at Krill Funeral Home, Edon.

Memorials are to Friends of the Edon Public Library or Edon United Methodist Church.

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Gracie Caudill

WOLCOTTVILLE — Gracie Caudill, age 66, of Wolcottville died on Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at her residence just north of Wolcottville, Indiana.

Mrs. Caudill

Mrs. Caudill was born in Hindman, Kentucky, on November 17, 1944, to the late Newton and Belle (Miller) Owsley.

She married Larry Caudill on May 10, 1969, in Clintwood, Virginia.

She worked at Nishikawa in Topeka for about 11 years before she retired in 2006.

She was a member of the the Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle in Kimmell, where she was saved.

Gracie liked to go camping and spend time with her family.

Survivors include her husband of 41 years, Larry Caudill of Wolcottville; three daughters, Minnie Caudill and Chad Bragg of Wolcottville, Loura and William Sutton of Albion and Nancy Quinley of Wolcottville; two sons, David and Brenda Stidham of Symerna, Tennessee, and Paul and Jennifer Stidham of Kendallville; a stepson, Benny Ray Fugate of Manchester, Kentucky; her grandchildren, Olivia LaVoie, Crystal Nichols, Angel Troyer, Donnie Messer, Alisha Messer, Skylar Quinley, William Sutton Jr., Natasha Bragg, Benjamin Fugate, Aaron Fugate, Johnny Ray Fugate and Hannah Fugate; her great-grandchildren, Donavin Nichols, Kamdyn Ritchie, Adrianna Troyer, Braxton Sutton, Destiny Messer, Faith Messer, Robbie LaVoie Jr., Justice LaVoie, Aiden Fugate, and Alex Fugate; two sisters, Opsie Owsley of Falmouth, Kentucky, and Frankie "Susie" Roberts of Wolcottville; three Letcher "Jack" and Veda Owsley of Mongo, Byrd "Jake" and Cathy Owsley of Rome City and Boyd and Jean Owsley of Wawaka.

She was also preceded in death by her grandson, Christopher Moses Quinley.

Visitation will be Saturday, February 26, 2011, from 3-6 p.m. Saturday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with a 6 p.m. evening service.

Visitation will also be Sunday from 6-9 p.m. at Hindman Funeral Services in Hindman, Kentucky.

Funeral services will be Monday, February 28, 2011, at 11 a.m .at Hindman Funeral Services in Hindman, Kentucky.

Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Wayne Johnson and Pastor Billy Joe Kirby.

Burial will be at Jim Patrick Cemetery in Bearville, Kentucky.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Gracie by Saturday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Carmen Nelson

FORT WAYNE — Carmen Nelson, 86, died Saturday, Feb., 19, 2011, at St. Bernard's Medical Center in Jonesboro, Ark.

Mrs. Nelson

Mrs. Nelson worked as a nurses' aide with Lawton Nursing Home for seven years, retiring in 1974.

She was born Oct. 25, 1924, in Stroh to Clarence and Clara (Tracey) Ferris.

Surviving are a daughter SoDonna Tuttle of Fort Wayne; two sons, Steven Nelson of New Haven and John Poland of Kentucky; and 12 grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Corwin H. Nelson; a daughter, Sandra Hamm; a son, Stanley Nelson; a brother, Emerson Ferris; and two sisters, Connie and Mary.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson. Pastor Craig E. Burkholder will officiate at the service.

Burial will be in the Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will be two hours prior to the service.

Condolences may be sent to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

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Laura Boyd

ASHLEY — Laura M. Boyd, 91, died at 8:15 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011, at the Laurel's of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Boyd

She was born in Hudson, Indiana, on February 15, 1920, to Earl and Margie (Tracey) Stitsworth.

She was member of the Ashley United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Women.

Laura married Othal W. Boyd in Hudson on June 6, 1941. He preceded her in death on October 4, 1975.

Survivors include two sons, Steve and Trudy Boyd of Hudson and Dave and Deborah Boyd of Ashley, a sister, Alta Jean and Russell Ulmer of Delaware, Ohio; 10 grandchildren, Jereme and Stacey Boyd, Brandy (Boyd) and Heather Wright, Jeri Lynn and Ray Froedge, Lesli and Richard Vaughn, Michelle and Steve Smith, Brett and Jessica Boyd, David Bradley Boyd, Rhonda Bowman, Julian Dove, and Jessica Dove; 37 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; and two nieces, Nancy Gaetz of Hudson and Barbara Kriecher of Montpelier, Ohio.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Helen Grate McClish; a stepsister, Berdena Stauffer; and a stepbrother, Donald Smith.

Funeral services will at 11 a.m Monday at Ashley United Methodist Church with Pastor Don Wadkins officiating.

Burial will be in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Visitation will be Sunday from 2-5 p.m. at Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson.

Preferred memorials are to the church.

Condolences may be sent to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

Rose Keith

COLDWATER, Mich. — Rose B. Keith, 81, of Coldwater died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011, at the Community Health Center of Branch County.

Mrs. Keith

A memorial service will be held today, Friday, February 25, 2011, at 3 p.m. at Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater with Pastor Shayne Looper officiating.

Visitation will be held prior to the service beginning at 1 p.m. also at the funeral home.

Interment will be at Knauss Cemetery at a later date.

Rose was born May 29, 1929, in Morgan County, Kentucky, to John and Aura (Caskey) Blair.

She graduated from Fremont High School.

She married Harold "Jack" Keith on February 27, 1948, in Angola, Indiana. He preceded her in death on April 7, 1998.

Rose was a lifelong resident of Coldwater. She had worked at the Branch County Courthouse as a clerk and had also served as Kinderhook Township Treasurer for several years.

She enjoyed playing cards with her family.

Rose is survived by her her son-in-law, Larry Duwell of Coldwater; her grandson, Brian (Angel) Duwell of Coldwater; and her great-grandson, Garet Wall of Coldwater.

In addition to her husband, "Jack"; Rose was preceded in death by her daughter, Jackie Duwell on August 31, 2009; her brother, Bernard Blair; and sister, Helen Peel.

Memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society.

To share a memory or send online condolences, visit www.dutcherfh.com.

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Patsy Donaldson

KENDALLVILLE — Patsy Lou Donaldson, 84, of Kendallville died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011, at The Chandler House near Kendallville.

Mrs. Donaldson

Patsy was born in Kendallville on January 3, 1927, to Lawrence Hosler and Bonita (Rider) Hosler. She was raised by her mother and Earl Danzer in Kendallville.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1944.

Patsy married Russell N. Donaldson on April 6, 1946, in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on March 8, 1991.

She worked for Campbell & Fetter Bank from 1955 until she retired in 1989. She returned to work part-time at the bank from 1991 until 2009 after her husband passed away.

Patsy was a member of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla. She was also a member of the Delta Theta Tau Sorority in Kendallville since 1953. She served as a volunteer at the Mid-America Windmill Museum in Kendallville.

Patsy liked crocheting and sewing. She also was an avid reader which lead her to be a major sponsor of the new Kendallville Public Library.

She loved to travel to different places but especially liked to spend time in Michigan.

Patsy was a loyal follower of East Noble basketball and loved March Madness.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Middleton of Kendallville and Deborah and Mike Brand of Kendallville; five grandsons and their spouses, Michael and Lynn Walkup, Tony and Lydia Mark, Drew and Shaune Mark, Adam Middleton and Sean and Misty Middleton; one granddaughter, Sarah Middleton; one stepgranddaughter, Lindsay Brand; seven great-grandchildren, Kelsey Middleton, Abbey Walkup, Laine Middleton, Cody Lee Middleton, Eli Mark, Salvador Rodriguez and Stella Mark; six stepgreat-grandchildren, Dayton Williard, Dominic Williard, Anastasia Williard, Joclyn Meyers, Ryan Meyers and Laynee Caldwell; and one sister, Bondolyn "Bonnie" Caruncia of Kendallville

She was preceded in death by her parents; her stepfather, Earl Danzer; and her husband.

Visitation will be Monday, February 28, 2011, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Dr. Leonard King.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to Calvary United Methodist Church or the Noble County Humane Shelter.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Patsy by Monday, February 28, at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Martha Kingsley

AUBURN — Martha Jean Kingsley, 87, died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Kingsley worked at the former Blackwell's Department Store in Auburn.

She was born May 23, 1923, in Auburn to Nevada and Madonna (Miser) Haynes. She married Richard Kingsley in 1976 in St. Joe and he survives.

She is also survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Jolynn and Peter Byal of Fort Wayne and Janet and Chuck Dykema of Holton, Mich.; five grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Bob Beehler in 1968 ,and a sister, Betty Carroll.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn with the Rev. Chuck Summers officiating.

There is no calling.

Preferred memorials are to the Disabled Veterans.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Auburn is in charge of arrangements.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Katy Weber

Mrs. Weber

ALBION — Katherine "Katy" Fay (Norris) Weber is out and about right now because she danced hand in hand with Jesus into heaven on Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at 1:30 a.m. at her home in Albion.

She was born on October 2, 1923, in Albion and was the daughter of the late Benjamin and Ethel (Randall) Norris.

She spent her life in the Albion area and graduated from Albion High School in the class of 1941.

Mrs. Weber worked at Dana Corporation and was a homemaker for her life's work.

She was a member of the Albion American Legion Post 246 Women's Auxiliary, and the Albion Eagles Lodge #2445 F.O.E Auxiliary. She was a world traveler, enjoyed dancing, bird watching, fishing, nature walks, mushroom hunting at Chain O' Lakes State Park in Albion, playing cards, especially Euchre and Pinochle, and sketching. She was very active in many charities and especially enjoyed spending time with her family and friends.

She was also a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion.

Surviving are two daughters, Darlene (Paul) Valliere-Millewich of Inverness, Illinois and Marlene (Monty) Morr of Albion; her grandchildren, Jonathan Valliere, Zac (Jennifer) Baker, Cory (Jamie) Parker, Jacinda (Mike) Parker-Robinson, Trent (Tiffany) Parker, Samantha (Bobby) Davis-Crane, Nick (Kara) Morr, and Matt (Ashley) Morr; and her great-grandchildren, Korbin, Ivy, Hannah, Samuel, Kade, Hailey, Trista, Dylen, and Emma.

Also surviving are one sister, Emmagene Long of Kendallville, and three brothers, Rex (Shirley) Norris of Hurst, Texas, Kenneth Norris of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Joe (Midge) Norris of Fort Worth, Texas.

She is preceded in death by her longtime companion, Gerald Schlichtenmyer; three brothers, Alton Norris, Ray Norris and Jack Norris; and a sister, Evelyn Moore.

Funeral service for Mrs. Weber will be on Monday, February 28, 2011, at 11 a.m. at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion. Pastor Phyllis Smoots will officiate. Cremation will follow and the burial of ashes will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion at a later date.

Visitation will be on Sunday, February 27, 2011, from 1-7 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel, and one hour prior to services Monday at the church.

Please make memorials to St. Mark's Lutheran Church or to the Audubon Society.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book, visit www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

Amanda Schrock

TOPEKA — Amanda Schrock, 90, of Topeka died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital.

Mrs. Schrock was a lifetime Topeka resident.

She was born Sept. 3, 1920, in Topeka to Henry and Emma (Bontrager) Beechy. She married Jacob A. Schrock on Oct. 15, 1940. He died Oct. 18, 2003.

Surviving are her children, Susie (Sam) Schrock of Arthur, Ill., Emma (Norman) Plank of Arcola, Ill., Joni (Sara) Schrock of Madison, and Leanna (Samuel) Herschberger of Topeka, Ind.; 28 grandchildren; 96 great-grandchildren; her brothers and sisters, Daniel (Viola) Beechy of Goshen, Levi (Anna) Beechy of Humansville, Mo., Susie (Jesse) Schlabach of Goshen and Katie (Amos) Miller of Middlebury; her stepsisters, Amanda Christner of Topeka, Ind., and Ida (Kenneth) Christner of Mongo; and a sister-in-law, John (Alberta) Miller of Goshen.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two great-grandchildren; a brother, Elmer Yoder; and two sisters, Barbara Yoder and Amelia Yoder.

Funeral services will be at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at Floyd Fry residence, 4685 W. C.R. 700S, Topeka. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery.

Visitation will be all day Friday at the Samuel and LeAnna Herschberger residence, 6505 S. C.R. 500W, Topeka.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Beverly Kundard

EDON, Ohio — Beverly J. Kundard, age 82, of Edon, Ohio, died at 2:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 23, 2011, in her home. She was a 1944 graduate of Angola High School, a member of the Edon United Methodist Church, and a member of the Friends of the Edon Public Library.

Beverly was a devoted homemaker, wife, mother and grandmother who worked alongside her husband, Ronald, in the Kundard Funeral Home in Edon for 46 years until their retirement in 1991.

She also loved to bake and make "Grandma" cookies.

Beverly J. Kundard was born on June 2, 1928, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, the daughter of Paul and Helen (Mortoff) Randolph. She married Ronald E. Kundard on December 8, 1946, in Angola, Indiana, and he preceded her in death on September 27, 1991.

Beverly is survived by two daughters, Marcia (Lee) Thiel of Edgerton, Ohio, and Jan (Gary) Chrisman of Edon, Ohio; one son, Lynn Kundard of Edon, Ohio;, two grandchildren, Jennifer (Bill) Stamper of Findlay, Ohio, and Cody (Britni) Chrisman of Blakeslee, Ohio; one great-grandchild, Corbin Chrisman; and two expected blessings later this year.

She is also survived by three sisters, Patricia (Robert) Niedernhofer of Springfield, Illinois, Sharon (Dick) Kasaba of Dearborn, Michigan, and Nancy (David) McIlvaine, of Creston, Ohio; two brothers, Thomas Randolph, of Greenfield, Indiana, and Dr. Jerry (Linda) Randolph of Spartanburg, South Carolina; and numerous nieces and nephews and her beloved companion, Riley.

Preceding her in death in addition to her husband were her parents; two sisters, Paula Jones and Sondra Ervin; and one brother, John Randolph.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, February 26, 2011, from 2-8 p.m. in the Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio.

Services will be held on Sunday, February 27, 2011, at 1 p.m. in the Edon United Methodist Church with Pastor David Miller officiating. Interment will follow in the Edon Cemetery.

Memorials are requested to Friends of the Edon Public Library or to the Edon United Methodist Church.

To sign the online register or to send condolences, please visit www.krillfuneralservice.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Glenn Brendel

NEW HAVEN — Glenn E. Brendel, 71, of New Haven died on Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011, at his residence.

Mr. Brendel

Mr. Brendel served in the Indiana Air National Guard in audio visual services, retiring in 1994 after more than 25 years of service.

He was past president of the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society and a member of F&AM Lodge in Spencerville, Ind.

He was born Jan. 6, 1940, in Fort Wayne the son of Glenn J. and Evelyn M. (Norris) Brendel. They are deceased.

Surviving are a son, Todd A. (Amy) Brendel of Bartlett, Ill.; a sister, Susan (Larry) Funk of Spencerville; and two grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. today at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Home, Winchester Road Chapel, 6424 Winchester Road, Fort Wayne, with Pastor Robert Arenobine officiating. Burial will be in Greenlawn Memorial Park.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. today prior to the funeral.

Preferred memorials to the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society.

Send online condolence to www.klaehnfahlmeltonfunerals.com.

Alicia Newby

CHURUBUSCO — Alicia M. Newby, 35, of Churubusco died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries she sustained in a traffic accident Feb. 17 near Churubusco.

Memorial services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Calling will be one hour prior to the service.

Memorials are to her children in care of the Whitley County Community Foundation, 400 N. Whitley St., Columbia City, IN 46725.

Crash claims 2nd life

Woman dies from injuries sustained in Feb. 17 wreck

FROM STAFF REPORTS

CHURUBUSCO — A Feb. 17 crash near Churubusco has claimed the life of a second victim.

Alicia M. Newby, 35, of Churubusco died Thursday afternoon at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne from injuries sustained in the crash, according to her obituary.

Newby

Teresa Trainer, 49, of Waterford, Miss., was pronounced dead at the scene.

The Jeep Trainer was driving was struck head-on by a van driven by 33-year-old Ryan Harter of Fort Wayne after he allegedly went left of center. The Jeep rolled down an embankment, landing on its top.

Trainer was pinned in the vehicle. One of her passengers, Newby, was ejected.

Harter and two other passengers in Trainer's vehicle also were taken to Parkview, according to the news release. Douglas Trainer, 52, of Waterford complained of pain after the wreck, and Russell Trainer, 24, of Churubusco suffered a head injury, said a report from the Whitley County Sheriff's Department.

An obituary for Newby appears on Page A4.

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Edward Criswell

STROH — Edward J. "Jay" Criswell, age 79, of Stroh passed away on Friday, February 25, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville

Mr. Criswell

Mr. Criswell was born in Albion, Indiana, on August 11, 1931, to the late Allen O. and Vera B. (Ackerman) Criswell.

He attended Rome City schools and entered the United States Army in 1950.

He remained in the Army until 1971 serving with the Army Security Agency, retiring with the rank of Sergeant Major E8. His many assignments included Japan, Korea, Germany and Vietnam.

After his retirement, Jay was employed as a truck driver with R&W Trucking and as a school bus driver for the Prairie Heights School Corporation for 8 years.

He also worked as a lawn care specialist maintaining private properties since 1985.

On April 7, 1972, he married Donna Kern at the Zion Lutheran Church near Corunna.

He was a member of the American Legion in Albion and the VFW in LaGrange.

Survivors include is wife, Donna Criswell of Stroh; three daughters and their spouses, Deb and Dean Twitchell of Angola, Michele Whipple of Vicksburg, Michigan and Cynthia and Michael Rhea of Kendallville; his grandchildren, Jared and Katie Anderson of Indianapolis; Carrie and Jeff Pintar of Orland Park, Illinois; Justin Rhea of Vicksburg; Cole Twitchell of Lockport, Illinois; Joshua Rhea of Lansing, Michigan; and Rachael Rhea and Sarah Rhea, both of Kendallville; his great-grandchildren, Adrien, Cailyn, Maxwell, and Jackson; three brothers, Fred Criswell of West Virginia, Larry Criswell of Rome City, and Michael and Sue Criswell of Wolcottville; two sisters, Bonnie Amerman of Kendallville and Barbara and Kenny VanWagner of Rome City; and four sisters-in-law, Maudie Criswell of Kendallville, Jo Criswell of Edgerton, Ohio, Marie Criswell of Olympia, Washington, and Mary Baldwin of Florida.

He was also preceded in death by his brothers, Louie, Richard, Paul, Dean, Garman, Tom and Arthur; a sister, Hazel Bloomfield; and his son-in-law, Timothy Whipple.

Visitation will be Sunday, February 27, 2011 from 2-6 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Monday, February 28, 2011, at 10 a.m. at the funeral home. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. James Tews. Casketbearers will be his grandsons and his nephew, Andy Criswell.

Burial will be at Zion Lutheran Cemetery, West Fairfield, north of Corunna.

Preferred memorials may be made to Messiah Lutheran Church in Wolcottville or the Stroh Volunteer Fire Department.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Jay by Sunday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Glenn Weil

PORTLAND — Glenn F. Weil, 91, of Jay County died Friday, Feb. 25, 2011, at Bluffton Regional Medical Center.

Mr. Weil farmed in Wabash Township near Bryant for many years.

He was a life member of the Portland Moose Lodge, Legion of the Moose, the Fraternal Order of Police and the Sons of the American Legion in Portland.

Glenn was born on June 18, 1919, in Jay County, Ind., the son of John and Margaret (Kugle) Weil. He married Inez L. Linn on Sept. 22, 1941. She died March 14, 2000.

Surviving are a son, Glenn Eugene (Melody) Weil of Corunna; five grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and 3 great-great-granddaughters.

He was preceded in death by one son, David L. Weil.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. Monday at the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home in Portland.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Williamson and Spencer Funeral Home in Portland. Burial will follow in Swamp College Cemetery, west of Celina, Ohio.

Online condolences may be sent to www.williamsonspencer.com.

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Edmond Lavens

FREMONT — Edmond Victor Lavens, 72, of Fremont, Ind., died Monday Feb. 21, 2011, at Parkview Hospital.

Mr. Lavens

Ed was born in Bryan, Ohio, on Feb. 25, 1938, to Edmond Victor and Virginia (Bostater) Lavens.

Ed graduated Ney High School in 1965. He served in the U.S.A.F. from 1957 to 1963.

Ed graduated in 1964 from Tri-State University with a B.S. in civil engineering.

Ed married Nellie (Babb) Lavens on June 8, 1963.

Ed worked on the family farm in Bryan, Ohio, the Aro Corp. in Bryan, Ohio, three years with Mick & Rowland Engineering in Angola, IN and 31 yrs with Owens Illinois in Toledo, OH. Ed was a member of the Angola Christian Church, the Masonic Lodge, the American Legion, NRA, Onized Club, and a life member of the Adams Conservation Club.

Ed was an avid hunter, shot trap and skeet and fished. He also loved to travel, camping, reading, golfing, playing cards, farming and in 1998 received his life-long dream of becoming a pilot. His first trip on the day he received his license was from Hayward, Calif., to Angola, Ind., with his trusting wife.

Ed had an 18-year fight with cancer that he fought with great courage and was blessed with an excellent team of specialist to help him in his fight.

Ed was preceded in death by his parents, Edmond Victor Lavens and Virgina (Bostater-Lavens) Mitchell, and his sister, Barbara Jean Brown.

Ed is survived by his wife Nellie (Babb) Lavens, 73; two daughters, Andrea Lynn, 41, and Allison Lynn, 37; two sisters, Phyllis Arlene Selkow and Patrica Kay Pierson; 10 nephews; six nieces; 10 great-nephews; and 12 great-nieces.

A celebration of Ed's life will be on October 8, 2011, at the family farm in Bryan, Ohio, from noon to 6 p.m. We will spread his ashes at the duck pond, per his request. All friends and family are welcome and encouraged to write and share memories and pictures with all of us. Allison will be collecting the written memories. Send them to wildfl2287@aol.com. Andrea will be collecting photo memories.Send them to alavens_pm@hotmail.com.

Nancy Pickard-Riley

PARIS, Tenn. — Nancy Jean Pickard-Riley, 62, of Paris and formerly of Garrett, Ind., died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011, at her residence.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at LeDon Chapel of Ridgeway Funeral Home, 201 Dunlap St., Paris. Burial will be in Olive Branch Cemetery in Cottage Grove, Tenn.

Calling will be from 4-8 pm. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Ruth Thomas

NORTHPORT, Mich. — Ruth Adeline (Yotter) Thomas of Northport and formerly of Angola, Ind., died Monday, Jan. 17, 2011, at Hospice House in Traverse City.

A memorial service will be held in August at Northport Trinity Church.

Memorials are to the Northport Community Arts Center, P.O. Box 319, Northport, MI 49670; the Northport Promise, P.O. Box 292 Northport, MI 46970; or Olivet College, 320 S. Main St., Olivet, MI 49076.

Martinson Funeral Home in Suttons Bay was in charge of arrangements.

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'There was no stopping her'

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Mary Harriet Hornbacker and friends celebrate her 90th birthday at a surprise party organized by her family at Bridgewater Golf Club. From left are Chris Grogg, Deb Kennedy, Hornbacker and Anni Bruns. Hornbacker was active in Friends of the Eckhart Public Library.

AUBURN — Mary Harriet Hornbacker loved life to the fullest.

Mrs. Hornbacker, 93, died Saturday, Feb. 12, 2011, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

She was born to Buell and Carolyn Snyder in Danville, Ill., where she developed a love of horses and equestrian arts. After graduating from DePauw University with a degree in fine arts, she met and married a fellow animal lover, veterinarian Dr. W.V. Hornbacker.

"They shared a deep love of animals," said her son, David Hornbacker, noting his family had many pets when he was younger.

Anni Bruns, Mary Harriet Hornbacker's longtime friend, said her friend had a horse on the family's farm that routinely tried to eat its way through the barn.

"Mary Harriet loved that horse, even if it did eat the barn." Bruns said. "She just had a special connection with animals."

As a wife and mother, David Hornbacker said, his mother enjoyed working alongside his father in the veterinary clinic. She especially enjoyed the people she met, and the friendships she made.

The couple had four boys, including one set of twins. David Hornbacker said he and his brothers were usually getting into mischief, but his mother was good at ruling the house with an iron fist. He recalled many Sundays when he and his brothers were charged with cleaning the kennels at the clinic before services at Auburn Presbyterian Church, where Mary Harriet Hornbacker served as a deacon. He said someone would always goof off in an attempt to avoid church.

"Mom got quick to that real fast," he said, and they always got to church on time.

Later when the couple retired, Mrs. Hornbacker was able to devote her time to more of her interests — such as music, her son said. His mother was a devout supporter of the Fort Wayne Philharmonic, always holding season tickets. Bruns agreed. She said music was always playing when she visited her friend's home.

Kristy Hornbacker said her mother-in-law enjoyed the social aspect of clubs such as the Auburn Garden Club, the Auburn Ladies' Literary Club and the Red Hat Society. She enjoyed volunteering at Eckhart Public Library. She also relished in the opportunity to bake cookies for any of the groups she served, her son said. She prided herself on making the most exotic cookies she could find.

"She didn't make drop cookies," her son said. "She was always looking for mascarpone or something fancy."

As a long-time member of the Friends of the Library, Bruns said, Mrs. Hornbacker was a faithful Thursday afternoon volunteer. Even after losing the majority of her vision due to macular degeneration, Mrs. Hornbacker still continued to serve, Bruns said.

"When her eyesight declined, she would still help as much as she could," Bruns said. She even continued being active in the Ladies' Literary Club, listening to the books on audiobook instead of reading them. David Hornbacker said his mother also was able to enjoy her daily crossword puzzle with the help of a reading machine.

"There was no stopping her," he said. Indeed, said Bruns, Mrs. Hornbacker was someone all of the library staff looked up to.

"We used to say we wanted to be just like Mary Harriet when we grew up," Bruns said.

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Gene Dirr

GARRETT — Gene L. Dirr Sr., 87, loving father and grandfather, entered into God's loving care on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011, at 2:20 a.m. at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

He was born April 29, 1923, in Fort Wayne to Roy and Alma (McClain) Dirr, and they preceded him in death.

Mr. Dirr

He married his loving wife, Garnet P. Swander, on Jan. 19, 1949, in Hamilton. She passed away on Aug. 21, 2010.

Gene was a member of the Army Air Corp during World War II. He was one of the brave men to land on the Beach of Normandy and received the Soldiers Medal for Heroism.

Gene was a conductor on the B&O Railroad for 35 years. He was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church, Garrett American Legion and United Transportation Union.

Gene is survived by a son and daughter in-law, Ty and Cheryl (Freed) Dirr of Garrett and Englewood, Fla.; his daughters and sons in-law, Michael and Pam Binz of Garrett and Jon and Lori Custer-Langfeldt of Garrett; a daughter in-law, Kathleen Dirr of Kendallville; granddaughter, Jennifer and Mark Claxton of Garrett, granddaughter, Emilie and Phil Reinoehl of Garrett, grandson, Nathan and Holly Binz of Avilla, granddaughter, Cheris and Tim Litton of Fort Wayne, grandson, Brian and Holly Custer of Garrett, granddaughter, Michelle (Rowlison) and Rick Johnston of Garrett, grandson, Steve Rowlison of Garrett; 10 great grandchildren; a brother, Larry Dirr of Fort Wayne; and two sisters; Wanda Carpenter of Fort Wayne and Bonnie Creager of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by a son, Gene Dirr Jr., and a grandson, Bruce Custer.

A celebration of Gene's life will take place on Monday at 6:30 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett with Rev. William Haworth officiating.

Visitation will be on Monday from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the funeral home.

A private military graveside burial will take place on Tuesday at Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Memorials are to the Garrett American Legion or Masses.

To send a condolence or sign the online guestbook visit thomasfuneralhome.org.

Dorothy Fox

FORT WAYNE — Dorothy J. Fox, 87, passed away Friday, Feb. 25, 2011, at Coventry Meadows LLC, Fort Wayne.

Born in Fort Wayne, she was a homemaker. She volunteered at Red Cross, St. Joe Hospital and various nursing homes.

She is survived by her sons, Richard H. Fox Jr. of Fort Wayne, Robert Fox of Roanoke, Michael (Pam) Fox of Crooked Lake and Patrick (Lisa) Fox of Mooresville, N.C.; daughters, Mary (Bob) Lee, Kathleen Batty, Rita (Norb) Frieburger, Suzanne Uhrick and Suzette Fox, all of Fort Wayne, and Sharon (Mark) Krieg of Cape Coral, Fla.; 28 grandchildren; 36 great-grandchildren; 1 great-great-grandchild; a sister, Marsha Grey; and a brother, Earl Beard of Wildwood, Fla.

Mrs. Fox

Dorothy was preceded in death by her husband, Richard H. Fox, Sr. in 1977; brothers, Donald, Ronald, Robert and Rex Beard; and parents, John Henninger and Hazel Beard.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Jude Catholic Church, 2130 Pemberton, Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior. Fr. Robert D'Souza will officiate.

Calling also will be from 2 -5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at D.O. McComb and Sons Lakeside Park Funeral Home, 1140 Lake Avenue, Fort Wayne, with rosary at 4:30 pm. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery.

Memorials may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis, 2265 Livernois Suite 410, Troy, MI 48083 or www.cff.org.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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Alyne Reaves-Tison

AVILLA — Alyne Reaves-Tison was welcomed to Heaven in the waiting arms of her beloved husband, Jack, on Feb. 24, 2011. She passed away at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born in Loughman, Fla., on Feb. 12, 1926, to the late Aaron and Frances (Addison) Reaves.

Mrs. Reaves-Tison

Raised on her parents' farm, she enjoyed time spent with her dad helping on the farm, and her mother was a school teacher. An excellent wife, mother and grandmother, she enjoyed homemaking and entertaining in her home. She was a lifelong resident of Florida and had moved here last June.

She owned and operated a children's day care and considered a child one of God's greatest blessings. She loved having the grandkids around. She was involved in PTA, volunteered her time at church and was a soprano singer in the choir. At the age of 75 she made 80 pillows and donated them to the Cancer Foundation in honor of her daughter, Cheryl, a breast cancer survivor. She also made "Tooth Fairy" Pillows for all the grandkids. She wrote poetry and Christian hymns.

Alyne was a Christian. Her spirit of grace and love were enjoyed by all that were blessed enough to know her. She loved unconditionally and always found the good in everyone. She was truly an unselfish person and felt it was better to give than to receive. She had a lovely little laugh and a beautiful smile. She gave to all a lifetime of cherished memories.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Gloria (Montie) Jones of Land O'Lakes, Fla., Linda (Deano) Battenberg of Wolcottville and Cheryl (Ken) Coomes of Boca Raton, Fla.; a son, and daughter-in-law, Wayne (Liz) Carroll of Lakeland, Fla.; 16 grandchildren; and 23 great-grandchildren.

Preceding her in death are her husband, Jack Tison, an infant brother and siblings, Oneta Hernandez and Fred Reaves.

Memorial calling will be on Monday from 4-6 p.m. at Provena Sacred Heart Home Chapel in Avilla. A memorial service will be at 6 p.m. following visitation on Monday.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

Beatrice VanKleek

KENDALLVILLE — Beatrice "Bea" VanKleek, 91, of Kendallville died Monday, Feb. 21, 2011, in Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

A memorial service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

A gathering of family and friends will be Friday from 4-6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the South Milford Church of Christ.

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Rose Isaac

KENDALLVILLE — Rose Isaac, 81, of Kendallville, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2011, at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Isaac was born in Dry Creek, Ky., on April 6, 1929 to the late Cecil and Linda (Caudill) Thornsberry.

She married Craner Isaac on Dec. 27, 1948, in Prestonsburg, Ky.

She was a homemaker and a member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Mrs. Isaac

She is survived by her husband, Craner Isaac of Kendallville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Dorlis and Larry Sexton of Kendallville, Wanda Worman of Kendallville and Kathy and Michael Eaton of Fort Wayne; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jimmie and Judy Isaac of Maybee, Mich., and Timmie and Chris Isaac of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and five sisters, Irene Isaac of Ohio, Nancy Walker of LaOtto, Annie Doner of New York, Marlene Burchett of Prestonsburg and Myra Slate of New York.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ronnie Lee Isaac, who died in 1955, a grandson, one brother, Hager Thornsberry, and sisters, Oma Johnson, Clairlinda Bailey, Arizona Isaac and Elizabeth "Monkie" Walker.

Services will be Monday at noon at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, with Rev. Sam Weimer officiating. Burial will be at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Calling will be today from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Condolences may be left at hitefuneralhome.com.

Diana Nichols

KENDALLVILLE — Diana Nichols of Kendallville died Saturday morning, Feb. 26, 2011, at her residence. Funeral arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

John Beechy

TOPEKA — John M. Beechy, 89, of Topeka, died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011, at his residence. Services will be Tuesday at 9:30 a.m. at the family residence, 4410 W. C.R. 350S, Topeka. Burial will be in Miller Cemetery, 300 W 350 S, in LaGrange. Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day on Monday at the family residence. Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is assisting the family with arrangements.

George Brackney

GARDEN CITY, Mich. — George I. Brackney, 91, of Garden City, Mich., and formerly of Branch County, Mich., died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011, at his home. Services will be Wednesday at noon at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont, with calling one hour prior. Burial will be in California Cemetery, Branch County. Memorials are to East Ovid United Brethren Church, Coldwater, Mich.

Jon Fitzenrider

FREMONT — Jon A. Fitzenrider, 68, of Clear Lake, Fremont, died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011, at Kindred Hospital in Indianapolis. A memorial service will take place Saturday, March 5, at 4 p.m. at Beams Funeral Home, Fremont. Calling will be Saturday, March 5, from 2-4 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy, Inc., 5950 Gecowets Drive, Clear Lake, Fremont, IN 46737, or Cameron Hospital Foundation, 416 E. Maumee St., Angola, IN 46703. Designate Regional Cancer Care Center of Angola on contribution.

Zackary Zimmerman

SPENCERVILLE — Zackary Zues Zimmerman, 35, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne. Calling will be Monday from 5-7 p.m. at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville. A memorial service will take place Monday at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials are to the family, in care of Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, P.O. Box 165, Spencerville, IN 46788.

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Diana Nichols

KENDALLVILLE — Diana Nichols, 69, of Kendallville, died on Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011, at her residence in Kendallville.

Mrs. Nichols was born in Kendallville on Dec. 18, 1941, to the late Merle Russell and Beverly Jean (Peters) Moreland.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1959 and was married to Glenn Carlton Nichols on May 7, 1960, in St. Petersburg, Florida. Glenn preceded her death on Sept. 10, 1997.

For many years, Diana was a child care provider in her own home. She also worked for a number of years at Kraft Foods.

Diana was a very active member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville. She was involved in many ministries within the church such as cooking and serving Wednesday dinners, volunteering her time and talents with AWANA each week, and helping with Vacation Bible School. She also helped prepare and work in the church booth at the Apple Festival, assisted with funeral dinners, and took part in Wednesday morning Bible study. Diana was a supporter of Life and Family Services in Kendallville

She was an avid fan of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, Indianapolis Colts, and Dale Earnhart Jr. and Sr.

Diana enjoyed gardening, sewing and re-caning old chairs. She was known by her family as the "Queen" of family gatherings.

She loved making cookies with her grandkids and attending all of their sporting events and other school activities.

Diana also enjoyed traveling and getting together with "The Gang" from K.H.S. Class of '59. She also enjoyed bowling, which was how she first met Glenn in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Survivors include four daughters, Wendy and Wayne Wappes of Houston, Texas, Kelly and Robbie Craft of Kendallville, Judy Spencer of Kendallville, and Sherry Nichols and her companion Mary Eich of Swanton, Ohio; nine grandchildren, Megan, Brittney and Paden Wappes, Kristin, Karrie and Adam Craft, Lacey and Mathew Spencer, and Dominick Nichols-Eich; two sisters, Brenda Moreland of Kendallville and Sally and Ron Blake of Van Wert, Ohio; and a brother, Jeff and Laura Moreland of Kendallville.

Visitation will be Tuesday, March 1, 2011, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 South Main St., Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier and the Rev. Robert Farmer.

Preferred Memorials may be made to First Christian Church or Goshen Center for Cancer Care..

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Diana by Tuesday at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Jane Potter

AUBURN — Jane E. Potter, 86, of Auburn, died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Miss Potter

Born Feb. 11, 1925, in Auburn, she was the daughter of the late Forrest and Margaret Myers Potter.

She worked for JC Penney for 38 years and had also worked at Wards, Gowers, Muchies, Fashion Crossroads and Gliks. She also had a professional roller skating act with her sister.

She was a member of Saint Marks Lutheran Church in Auburn. She loved working with people and her dog Missy.

She is survived by two sisters, Janet Potter and Barbara Potter Capen, both of Auburn; a niece, Mary Ann McClain of Sebring, Fla.; an uncle, Bill Myers; an aunt, Joan Knepper; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Jean Potter.

Private funeral services will be held with the Rev. Richard Kraus officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Memorials are to Saint Marks Lutheran Church or DeKalb Humane Society.

Arrangements by Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn. To sign the guest book, visit www.pinnington-mccomb.com

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Debra Redinger

ST. JOE — Debra J. (Gasper) Redinger, 58, of St. Joe was carried home to her Lord by angels on Saturday Feb. 26, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Redinger

She was born June 21, 1952, in Fort Wayne to Kenneth and Verna (Besser) Gasper. Her father has passed away and her mother survives in Fort Wayne.

She was an X-ray technician. She worked at DeKalb Memorial Hospital and US Health Networks, retiring in 2008.

She was a graduate of New Haven High School, IPFW and Fort Wayne School of Radiology.

Debra was a member of Auburn Alliance Church. Her hobby and passion was collecting angels.

She married William "Bill" Redinger on Jan. 31, 1970, in Fort Wayne and he survives. She is also survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Matt and Tressa Redinger of St. Joe, and a daughter and son-in-law, Amanda and Clyde Hankey of Butler. There are eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Jean and Cork Schuler of Fort Wayne, Peggy and Russell Grice of Columbus, Ohio, and Ginger and Tom Ervin of Fort Wayne; and a brother, Kenny Gasper of Fort Wayne.

She was preceded in death by her father; and twin sisters who died in infancy.

Services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, with the Rev. Al Black officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. in Palestine Cemetery, Palestine, Ind., with Pastor Shaun DuFault officiating. Calling is from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to American Cancer Society.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Willis Lockwood

HAMILTON — Willis H. Lockwood, 79, of Hamilton died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehab Center in Angola.

Mr. Lockwood

He was born July 8, 1931, in Waterloo to Chester and Joyce (Beard) Lockwood.

Willis was a farmer, a mechanic at Maxton Motors for 16 years and also was a foreman at Pent Corp. for 17 years, retiring in 1990.

He was a U.S. Army veteran, a member of Alvarado United Methodist Church and loved woodworking.

He married Donna M. Grogg on Feb. 14, 1954, in the Hamilton United Methodist Church and she survives. He is also survived by two daughters and a son, Debra K. Lockwood of Angola, Cynthia S. (Steven) Oberlin of Angola and Kevin E. (Erica) Lockwood of Waterloo; a brother, Clifford (Dorothy) Lockwood of Waterloo; and six grandchildren, Jennifer L. Oberlin, Jessica A. Oberlin, Benjamin R. Lockwood, Matthew S. Lockwood, Rachel A. Lockwood and Andrew J. Lockwood.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Teresa A. Lockwood; a sister, Lois Lockwood; and three brothers, Bernard Lockwood, Ronald Lockwood and Dayton Lockwood.

Services will be 1 p.m. Thursday, March 3, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo, with Pastor Donna Holcomb officiating. Burial will be in Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton. Calling is 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials can be given in Willis's memory to Alvarado United Methodist Church.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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John Yoder

SHIPSHEWANA — John E. Yoder, 71, of Shipshewana died at 8:20 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011, at his residence.

John was a retired farmer and had a small woodworking shop. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born on May 20, 1939, in Topeka to Edward J. and Edna (Schrock) Yoder. On Feb. 26, 1959, in LaGrange County he married Esther Bontrager; she survives.

Survivors in addition to his wife are five sons, Ernest (Mary Alice) Yoder and Elmer (Lizzie Mae) Yoder, both of Shipshewana, Levi (Laurene) Yoder of Goshen, Floyd (LeEtta) Yoder of Shipshewana and Robert (Carol) Yoder of Goshen; three daughters, Mary Ruth (Gerald) Miller of Millersburg, Betty Lou Yoder of Shipshewana and Ruby Alice (David) Farmwald of Shipshewana; a brother, Elmer (Alice) Yoder of Millersburg; and a sister, Mary Esther (John) Hershberger of Topeka.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Mahlon Yoder; infant twin sisters, Amanda and Amelia Yoder; and a grandson, David Jay Yoder.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family's residence. Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family's residence with Bishop Wilbur Yoder and the home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Sunthimer Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Federspiel

CLEAR LAKE — Robert P. Federspiel, 90, of Clear Lake, Ind., and Naples, Fla., died Feb. 27, 2011.

There will be no calling hours. A memorial service at Grace Lutheran Church in Naples, Fla., will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday. Private services at Clear Lake will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Clear Lake Lutheran Church, Clear Lake, Ind.; Grace Lutheran Church — Memorial Garden Fund, Naples, Fla.; or the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, Fort Wayne, Ind.

A full obituary will appear in Tuesday's newspaper.

David Allen

INDIANAPOLIS — David Wilson Allen, 78, of Indianapolis and formerly of Ligonier, died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011, in St. Frances Hospital of Beech Grove.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Lucy Ickes

CHURUBUSCO — Lucy L. "Sis" Ickes, 93, of Churubusco, died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011, at home.

Mass of Christian Burial will be 11 a. m. Wednesday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Ege. Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. A rosary will be recited at 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to masses or to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice, 1315 Directors Row, 210, Fort Wayne, IN 46808.

Edwina Feighner

FORT WAYNE — Edwina L. Feighner, 80, a former resident of Thorncreek Township and more recently of Fort Wayne, died Friday, Feb. 25, 2011, at Renaissance Village.

Services will be Tuesday at 11 a. m. at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be in Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam. Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home or one hour prior to the service Tuesday.

Memorials are to the Alzheimer's Association, 6324 Constitution Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46804, or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

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Joana Egli

SPENCERVILLE — Joana Mae Egli, 84, died Saturday at DeKalb Hospital in Auburn.

She worked as a hostess and waitress for Morrings Country Club in Naples, Fla., and for the Fort Wayne Country Club. She also helped her daughter and son-in-law when they opened their restaurant, Sandra D's Italian Gardens in Auburn.

She was born Feb. 20, 1927, in Fort Wayne to the late Robert and Elsie Mae (Birge) Foster. She married Robert Paul Egli in 1946 in Fort Wayne, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Dennis (Annette) Egli of Chester, S.C.; Michael Egli of Fort Wayne; a daughter Sandra (Bentley) Dillinger of Auburn; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She had three brothers and three sisters.

No services or calling will be held.

Arrangements by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Clifford Vaughn Jr.

LAGRANGE — Clifford Vaughn Jr., 65, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011, at home.

Cremation will take place. Memorial services and burial in Greenwood Cemetery will be at a later date.

Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Edward Lewandowski

KENDALLVILLE — Edward Lewandowski, 55, died unexpectedly Saturday at his home north of Kendallville.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home, Kendallville.

John Feagler

John "Jack" Feagler

GARRETT — John "Jack" Feagler, 77, of Garrett, died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Arrangement are pending at Thomas Funeral Home of Garrett.

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John Feagler

GARRETT — John "Jack" K. Feagler, 77 of Garrett died at 5:30 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011 at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Feagler

Mr. Feagler had worked in production at Peter Eckrich Meats in Fort Wayne and at Tower Automotive in Auburn, retiring in 1998. Following his retirement, he worked at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett and for the Garrett-Keyser-Butler School Corp. in Garrett.

He was a WW II veteran, serving in the Army-Airborne.

Mr. Feagler was a member of the Garret American Legion and Eagles and St. Joseph Catholic Church, all in Garrett.

He was born April 5, 1933, in Garrett to Virgil and Maxine (Owens) Feagler and they preceded him in death. He married Marilyn F. Bianski on Feb. 23, 1957, in Ege, and she survives in Garrett.

Surviving with this wife are three sons, Dan (Robyn) Feagler, Mark Feagler and Jed Feagler, all of Garrett; three daughters, Joni (Bob) Cole, Kathy (Brad) Johnson and Mary Kay (Brian) Cook, all of Garrett; 11 grandchildren; three stepgrandchildren; four great-grandchildren; one stepgreat-grandchild; and two sisters Kerin (Larry) Houser of Cape Coral, Fla., and Kay Oster of Garrett.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Denny Feagler.

Visitation will be from 2-9 p.m. Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m. Thursday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, with Father Andrew Nazareth officiating.

Burial will follow in Cedar Creek Cemetery at Garrett, with military graveside honors by the Garrett American Legion and VFW.

Memorials are to the Denny Feagler Scholarship Fund, Masses at St. Joseph Church or to St. Joseph Catholic School.

Send a condolence or sign an online guest register at www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Marjorie Porter

LIGONIER — Marjorie Mildred (Shockey) Porter of Ligonier died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Graveside services will be at noon Thursday at Pleasant View Cemetery, Gatewood Road, Fayetteville, W.Va.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. Wednesday and from 11-11:45 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Dodd-Payne-Hess Funeral Home, 350 W. Maple Ave., Fayetteville, is in charge of arrangements.

John Yoder

SHIPSHEWANA — John E. Yoder, 71, of Shipshewana died at 8:20 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011, at his residence.

John was a retired farmer and had a small woodworking shop. He was a member of the Old Order Amish Church.

He was born on May 20, 1939, in Topeka to Edward J. and Edna (Schrock) Yoder. On Feb. 26, 1959, in LaGrange County he married Esther Bontrager; she survives.

Survivors in addition to his wife are five sons, Ernest (Mary Alice) Yoder and Elmer (Lizzie Mae) Yoder, both of Shipshewana, Levi (Laurene) Yoder of Goshen, Floyd (LeEtta) Yoder of Shipshewana and Robert (Carol) Yoder of Goshen; four daughters, Mary Ruth (Gerald) Miller of Millersburg, Betty Lou Yoder of Shipshewana and Ruby Alice (Daniel) Yoder of Middlebury and Carolyn Sue and (David) Farmwald of Shipshewana; a brother, Elmer (Alice) Yoder of Millersburg; a sister, Mary Esther (John) Hershberger of Topeka; 54 grandchildren; and 22 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Mahlon Yoder; infant twin sisters, Amanda and Amelia Yoder; and a grandson, David Jay Yoder.

Calling will be after 1 p.m. today and all day Tuesday at the family's residence. Services will be at 9:30 a.m. Wednesday at the family's residence with Bishop Wilbur Yoder and the home ministers officiating. Burial will be in Sunthimer Cemetery, Shipshewana.

Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is in charge of arrangements.

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Jon Fitzenrider

FREMONT — Jon Fitzenrider, 68, of Clear Lake, Indiana, passed away on February 24, 2011 following a battle with esophageal cancer.

Mr. Fitzenrider

The son of Clarence (deceased) and Annabelle Fitzenrider of Bryan, Ohio, Jon was a loving husband to Mary Jo Fitzenrider and father to Andrew Fitzenrider (Stacey), Seattle, WA. and Amy Fitzenrider (Stephen DeMaio), Chicago, IL.

Jon is also survived by two grandchildren, Ava Fitzenrider, age 6, and Giuliana Grace DeMaio, 2 months, as well as his mother and sister, Sue Compo.

Jon graduated from Bryan High School in 1960 and attended The Ohio State University, where he was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, and earned a BS in Mathematics in 1964. From there, he was hired as a Systems Engineer building mainframe computers for IBM and remained there throughout his 30-year career. In addition to being fascinated with computers, Jon loved to fly and held a pilot's license and enjoyed flying small craft airplanes across Ohio and Indiana.

Jon raised his family in Dublin, Ohio, where he enjoyed refereeing youth soccer and basketball games and following Ohio State football and basketball. During summers, the Fitzenrider family spent as much time as possible at Clear Lake, IN. In 2003, he and Mary Jo built a new home on the lake and realized their lifelong dream of retiring there.

At the lake, Jon was an active community member and served as a two-term president of the Clear Lake Association and as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy. Jon was also a member of the Clear Lake Lion's Club and the Clear Lake Yacht Club, where his family participated in many Friday night TGIF's.

Beyond swimming, skiing, sailing, boating and thoroughly enjoying all aspects of Clear Lake life, Jon and his family loved camping and hiking in the national parks and generally exploring the country. In more recent years, Jon and Mary Jo spent their winters hiking and relaxing in the Phoenix, Arizona, area and snow skiing in the southwestern mountains of Colorado.

A visitation period will be held on Saturday, March 5, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, IN, from 2-4 p.m., followed by a short service at 4 p.m. to be officiated by the Reverend Dwight Bowers of the Bryan Wesley United Methodist Church.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy, 5950 Gecowets Drive, Clear Lake, Fremont, IN 46737 or Cameron Hospital Foundation, 416 E. Maumee St., Angola, IN 46703. Please designate Regional Cancer Center of Angola on the contribution.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Joana Egli

AUBURN — Joana Mae Egli, 84, died Saturday at DeKalb Hospital in Auburn.

She worked as a hostess and waitress for Morrings Country Club in Naples, Fla., and for the Fort Wayne Country Club. She also helped her daughter and son-in-law when they opened their restaurant, Sandra D's Italian Gardens in Auburn.

She was born Feb. 20, 1927, in Fort Wayne to the late Robert and Elsie Mae (Birge) Foster. She married Robert Paul Egli in 1946 in Fort Wayne, and he preceded her in death.

Surviving are two sons, Dennis (Annette) Egli of Chester, S.C.; Michael Egli of Fort Wayne; a daughter Sandra (Bentley) Dillinger of Auburn; nine grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

She had three brothers and three sisters.

No services or calling will be held.

Arrangements by Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, Spencerville.

Charles Hanneman

AVILLA — Charles M. Hanneman, 71, died Saturday, Feb. 19, 2011.

A Celebration of Life service will be at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 11, with the calling before the service at 2:30 p.m., at Highland Park Cemetery, 2403 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne.

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Edward Lewandowski

KENDALLVILLE — Edward Lewandowski, age 55, of Kendallville died on Saturday, February 26, 2011, at his Cree Lake home.

Mr. Lewandowski

Ed was born in Baligrod, Poland, on May 18, 1955, to Walter Lewandowski and Maria Lewandowski. His mother survives in Troy, New York.

He graduated from Catholic High School in Troy, New York, in 1972. He later earned degrees from Milwaukee School of Engineering in Industrial Engineering and Business Management.

Ed married Melinda Koskubar on July 7, 1979, in Troy, New York, and she survives in Kendallville.

He worked over the years as an Industrial Engineer for Ametek in Racine, Wisconsin; Franklin Electric in Bluffton, Indiana; Tower Automotive in Kendallville, Indiana, and was currently working for Elkhart Products in Elkhart, Indiana, where he loved his job and the people that he worked with.

Ed was a member of the St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City where he was also a Eucharistic minister. He also was a member of the Knights of Columbus in Kendallville.

Ed loved spending time with his family especially his grandchildren. He enjoyed his trips back home to New York where he liked playing cards with his brothers and cousins. He also enjoyed playing golf, going fishing, doing woodworking projects and riding his Harley.

Survivors include his mother; Maria Lewandowski of Troy, New York; his wife; Melinda Lewandowski of Kendallville; one son; Nicholas Lewandowski of Kendallville and his fiance, Alyssa Sanford of Kendallville; one daughter; Crystal Lewandowski of Kendallville; two grandchildren, Brianna Lewandowski and Natalie Lewandowski; two adopted grandchildren, Melissa Lewandowski and Jeremy Lewandowski; four stepgrandchildren; Erica Sanford, Samantha Sanford, Shanna Sanford and Seth Kalb; two brothers, Chet and Yvonne Lewandowski of Troy, New York, and Joe and Maria Lewandowski of Troy, New York; his mother-in-law, Jane Koskubar of Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father; one sister, Mary Lewandowski; his father-in-law, Leonard Koskubar; and a brother-in-law, Loren Koskubar

Visitation will be Wednesday, March 2, 2011, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral Mass will be Thursday, March 3, 2011, at St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City, with one hour of visitation prior to the Mass. Officiating the funeral service will be Father Bernard Ramenaden.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Edward by Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

David Allen

INDIANAPOLIS — David Wilson Allen, 78, of Indianapolis died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011, at St. Frances Hospital in Beech Grove.

Mr. Allen

Mr. Allen had lived in Ligonier prior to moving to Indianapolis in 1996.

He was a member of the Goshen Apostolic Pentecostal Church.

Mr. Allen was born Dec. 30, 1932, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Wilson "Bill" and Martha Geraldine "Gerry" (Black) Allen. He married Ann Franklin on Nov. 30, 1963. She survives in Indianapolis.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lori (Bruce Haase) Wirey of Mooresville; a son, Pastor Kenneth (Beth) Allen of East Prairie, Mo.; two grandchildren; and a brother, Roger (Dottie) Allen of Leesburg.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Robert David Allen and Thomas Ray Allen; his parents; and two brothers, Robert Allen and Richard "Dick" Allen.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with his son, Pastor Kenneth Allen, and the Rev. Jack DeVault officiating. Burial will be in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with American Legion Post 253 of Ligonier conducting graveside services.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Wednesday prior to the services.

Memorials are to Grace Apostolic Church, 905 E. Mitchell Ave., East Prairie, Mo.

Online condolences may be sent to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

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Violet Klopfenstein

FORT WAYNE — Violet E. Klopfenstein, 88, of Fort Wayne died Friday, Feb. 25, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Mrs. Klopfenstein had retired from General Electric.

She was a member of the G.E. Elex Club.

She was born Nov. 6, 1922, in Woodburn.

Surviving is a daughter, Melanie (Larry) Shive of Auburn; two grandsons; five great-grandchildren; three sisters, Marian Miller of Woodburn, Gloria (Arnold) Gerbers of Woodburn and Starlee (Al) Kelble of Paulding; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a sister, Edna Pardy, and a brother, Robert Miller.

Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. Wednesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. Graveside service will be at 4 p.m. at the Bowers Cemetery.

Memorials are to the American Diabetes Association.

Kenneth Binkley

ANGOLA — Kenneth L. Binkley, age 77, died Monday, Feb. 28, 2011.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

Janet Hornbrook

ANGOLA — Janet S. Hornbrook, 52, died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011, at Cameron Hospital in Angola.

Arrangements pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

Phyllis Bowerman

ANGOLA — Phyllis A. Bowerman of Angola died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011, at Heritage of Huntington.

Services are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Helen Priddy

SYRACUSE — Helen L. Priddy, 94, of Cromwell, died at 11:45 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011 at I.U. Health Goshen Hospital in Goshen, Ind.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Friday, March 4, 2011 at Owen Family Funeral Home, S.R. 13 and C.R. 500N, North Webster, Ind. Burial will follow in the North Webster Cemetery (Mock Addition).

Calling will be 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the funeral home before the services.

Memorials are to United Pentecostal Church, 107 E. Pearl St., Syracuse, IN 46567. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

James Burlew

EDON, OHIO — James Henry Burlew, 82, of rural Edon, Ohio, died Sunday, Feb. 27, 2011 at his home after an extended illness.

Services will be Friday, March 4, 2011, at 11 a.m. in the Columbia Church of Christ, Edon, Ohio. Interment will follow in the Edon Cemetery.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, March 3, 2011, at Krill Funeral Home, Edon, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Parkinson's Foundation or the American Lung Association.

Larry Betz

Mr. Betz

FORT WAYNE — Larry W. Betz, 64, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, Feb. 24, 2011

Mr. Betz worked as an electrician at B.F. Goodrich for more than 46 years.

He was an Army veteran serving during the Vietnam War.

He was born April 9, 1946, in Auburn.

Surviving are a son, David A. Betz of Northville, Mich.; his mother, Kathryn Betz of Butler; and a brother, Marlin (Karen) Betz of Plymouth.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dianna in 1981; and his father, Marion Betz.

Funeral services were Monday at the Hockemeyer Funeral Home in Harlan. The Rev. Keith Schreffler officiated.

Burial was in Scipio Cemetery in Harlan.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Clifford Vaughn Jr.

LAGRANGE — Clifford Vaughn Jr., 65, of LaGrange died Tuesday, Feb. 22, 2011, at home.

Cremation will take place.

A memorial service and burial in Greenwood Cemetery will be at a later date.

Arrangements are by Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

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Robert Federspiel

CLEAR LAKE —Robert P. Federspiel, 90, of Clear Lake, Ind., and Naples, Fla., died on Feb. 27, 2011.

He was born Nov. 14, 1920, in Fort Wayne to Frank J. Federspiel and Ella (Miller) Federspiel. In 1945, he married Margaret Weber; she preceded him in death in 2010.

Mr. Federspiel

Survivors include five children, Phillip P. Federspiel of West Hartford, Conn., Ellen F. Poffenberger and her husband Robert (Fritz) of Carmel, Susan F. Chase of Glastonbury, Conn., Neil M. Federspiel and his wife Marcia of Fort Wayne, and Ann F. DeWert and her husband Richard of Cincinnati, Ohio. Survivors also include his daughter-in-law, Kathy Latz; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He is also survived by siblings Dorothy Bosler and Jerome Federspiel.

He was preceded in death by his son, Paul R. Federspiel; sisters Lucille (Sister Justina) Federspiel, Florence Krull, Genevieve Holsinger and Virginia Gaitan; and his brothers Frank J. Federspiel Jr. and Ralph Federspiel.

Mr. Federspiel received Navy Cadet flight training and was commissioned as a Naval flight officer, flying reconnaissance in World War II. He was assigned to VPB-112 in Fleet Air Wing Seven in French Morocco. Later, he was assigned to FAW-7, which operated from Dunkeswell in England.

He was employed at General Electric in Fort Wayne, involved in experimental development of electric motors, and then he established Customcraft Inc., designing and producing exhibits for trade show displays. He co-owned Customcraft for 33 years.

Working with the Jaycees, Mr. Federspiel was part of the group that built the Fort Wayne Memorial Coliseum; he was VP and Secretary of the Jaycees. He was involved in the design concept and growth of the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo when it was conceived in 1964, and served on the zoo's Board of Directors at the zoo's inception and remained Director Emeritus for 40 years.

He was involved in the concept and design of industrial buildings in Fort Wayne, and was involved in the design and development of multifamily and single-family homes in Naples in his retirement. He was on the building committees of the Grace Lutheran Church, Naples, and the Clear Lake Lutheran Church during their recent reconstruction.

Mr. Federspiel loved woodworking and building projects, sailing, travel, classic boats and automobiles, his church community, Navy reunions and, above all, spending time with his family.

There will be no calling hours. A memorial service at Grace Lutheran Church in Naples will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2011. Private services at Clear Lake will be held at a later date.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Clear Lake Lutheran Church, Clear Lake, Ind.; Grace Lutheran Church — Memorial Garden Fund, Naples, Fla.; or the Fort Wayne Children's Zoo, Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be left at www.beamsfuneralhome.com

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James Burlew

EDON, Ohio — James Henry Burlew, age 82, of rural Edon, Ohio, died Sunday, February 27, 2011, in his home after an extended illness.

Mr. Burlew

Mr. Burlew was a farmer, construction worker and drove bus for Edon Northwest Schools for 35 years, retiring in 1996. While working construction he worked on building bridges throughout Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Illinois, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin. He had also been employed by GM in Defiance, Ohio, and also at the gas station in Columbia, Ohio.

He was a member of the Columbia Church of Christ in Columbia, Ohio.

He enjoyed being around family and friends.

James Henry Burlew was born on November 24, 1928, in Cooney, Ohio, the son of Perry and Dovie (Burke) Burlew. He married Rosa Irene Jones on December 7, 1946, at the Chapel in the Garden in Angola, Indiana, and she preceded him on November 6, 2006.

James, is survived by three daughters, Linda (Gaby) Nasrallah of Roswell, New Mexico, Peggy (Charles) Scheeter of Coldwater, Michigan, and Annie Burlew, of Edon, Ohio; eight grandchildren, Laura Lee (Shawn) Strickland of Tracy, California, Freddy (Amanda) Nasrallah, Joseph (Amanda) Nasrallah and Tiffany (Rick) Bachicha, all of Roswell, New Mexico, Amy (Mark) Waldrop of Quincy, Michigan, Chuck Scheeter of Coldwater, Michigan, Rosa (Perry) Burlew-Barnett of Edon, and Annie Mae (Jesse) Torrey of Angola, Indiana; 14 great-grandchildren, Gaby Strickland of Tracy, California, Jacob, William and Emma Nasrallah, Krysten and Freddy Nasrallah and Xenia Bachicha, all of Roswell, New Mexico, Taylor and Kathryn Waldrop, of Quincy, Michigan, Tresten and Mariannah Burlew and Franklyn Burlew-Barnett, all of Edon, and Taevin James and Kiersten Irene Torrey, both of Angola, Indiana.

He is also survived by five sisters-in-law, Marjorie Green of Elkhart, Indiana, Ida (Robert) Teats of Montpelier, Ohio, Helen Wisner of Fayette, Ohio, Mary Ann (Garner) Parks of Albion, Indiana, and Pat Jones, of Fayette, Ohio, and many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by his parents; one daughter, Sandra Burlew-Likens; a grandson, Michael Scheeter; and four brothers-in-law, Jack Green, Junior Jones, Samuel Jones and Don Wisner.

Services for James Henry Burlew will be Friday, March 4, 2011, at 11 a.m. in the Columbia Church of Christ with Nathan Derico, minister, and Pastor Paul Spotts officiating.

Interment will follow in the Edon Cemetery.

Visitation will be in the Krill Funeral Home in Edon, Ohio, from 4-8 p.m. on Thursday, March 3, 2011.

Memorials are requested to the Parkinson's Foundation or the American Lung Association.

To sign the online register or to send a condolence, please visit www.krillfuneralserice.com.

Emilio Rodriguez

KENDALLVILLE — Emilio Rodriguez, 69, of Kendallville died Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at his home.

Services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Patricia Goffinet

KENDALLVILLE — Patricia Anne (Easterline) Goffinet, 75, of Kendallville died Monday, Feb. 28, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the George White Funeral Home in Reading, Mich.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Cambria Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Noble Transit System.

Richard White

FREMONT — Richard E. "Ricky" White of Fremont died Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

Edward Lewandowski

KENDALLVILLE — A funeral Mass for Edward Lewandowski, age 55, of Kendallville, will be Thursday at 11 a.m. St. Gaspar Catholic Church in Rome City, with one hour of visitation prior to the Mass.

Visitation will be today from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

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Ruth Farrington

AUBURN — Ruth E. Farrington, 89, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 28, 2011, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mrs. Farrington

She was born Oct. 31, 1921, in DeKalb County, to the late Paul and Willo (Hinman) Whetsel.

Ruth had a varied background in business. She was a legal secretary, medical office Manager and co-owned Farrington Real Estate in Waterloo for 20 years.

In 1991, they merged with Classic City Reality. She worked through the years with a number of great people and real estate offices until her retirement just a few years ago with Mike Thomas Reality.

She was associated with Maple Grove Methodist Church and Auburn First United Methodist.

She was a charter member of Richland Township Home Demonstration Club, a member of the Northeast Indiana Real Estate Association and was a former member of the Eastern Star. She was an avid musician and enjoyed studying and playing the piano and violin.

She and her husband Charles were very civic minded and were always involved in many different community activities and organizations over the years.

She married Charles Farrington on Sept. 25, 1941, in the Waterloo United Methodist Church. He passed away April 27, 1992.

Surviving are three daughters and sons-in-law, Patricia and Larry Rothenhofer of Fort Wayne, Louise and Gary Rockey of Boerne, Texas, and Julie and Randy Ramsey of Auburn; three sons and a daughter-in-law, John Farrington of Auburn, Jim and Camille Farrington of Palm Harbor, Florida, and Rex Farrington of Auburn; six grandchildren and their spouses, Laura and Steve Warner, Josh and Brooke Farrington, Jay Farrington, Ryan and Stephanie Ramsey, Rachel Ramsey, and Myah Farrington; one step-granddaughter and her spouse, Jill and Kevin Sherlock; five great-grandchildren; five stepgreat-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by an infant son; a granddaughter, Betsy Opper; a stepgrandson, Doug Rothenhofer; and a sister, Barbara Leach.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with visitation from 10-11 a.m. prior to the service.

Burial will be in Waterloo Cemetery.

Calling will also be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Serenity House, DeKalb County Humane Shelter, or the DeKalb High School Show Choir.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Kenneth Binkley

ANGOLA — Kenneth L. Binkley, 77, died Monday, Feb, 28, 2011.

Mr. Binkey worked for Moore Business Forms in Angola and he was a farmer.

He was a Korean War veteran and a graduate of Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa.

Mr. Binkley was a member of the Community of Christ Church in Coldwater, Mich., where he was an elder.

He was born June 28, 1933, in Ray, Ind., to Henry C. and Gertrude (Wurm) Binkley. They are deceased.

He married Geraldine Hilla on Aug. 2, 1952, at the Clear Lake Community of Christ Church. His father performed the ceremony.

Mrs. Binkley survives in Angola.

Also surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law, Robert and (Mariann) of Niles, Mich., Kenneth A. and (Tammi) of Coldwater, Mich., and David and (Marsha) of Portage, Mich; a sister, Virginia Nelson of Angola; 10 grandchildren; two stepgrandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

He was also preceded in death by a grandchild.

Memorial services will be at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, March 13, at Community of Christ Church, 186 W. State St., Coldwater, Mich. Memorials are to the Police, Fire and Sheriff's departments to purchase teddy bears for injured or abused children.

H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home of Angola is in charge of the arrangements.

Send condolences to www.hejohsonfh.com.

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Beatrice VanKleek

KENDALLVILLE — Beatrice "Bea" VanKleek, 91, of Kendallville died Monday, February 21, 2011, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mrs. VanKleek

Mrs. VanKleek graduated from Pontiac Senior High School, Pontiac, Michigan, in 1937.

She retired from Community National Bank in Pontiac after 15 years.

She moved to this area on September 30, 2001, coming from Pontiac, Michigan. She and her husband had wintered in North Fort Myers, Florida, for many years.

She attended the South Milford Church of Christ.

She was born April 3, 1919, in Pontiac, Michigan, to Olen and Bessie (Szabla) Shaw. On February 14, 1945, in Pontiac, Michigan, she married Keith R. VanKleek.

Surviving are her husband of 66 years, Keith R. VanKleek of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Gail and Donald Warner of Kendallville; a son and daughter-in-law, Paul Kenneth and Carol Godwin of Brighton, Michigan; six grandchildren, Alison (Patrick) Hlathein, Wendy (Andrew) Lapadat, Shaun Godwin, Julie Stumpf, Robert (Nita) Godwin, and David (Amy) Godwin; and eight great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, March 5, 2011, at 2 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastor Jim Mertz of the South Milford Church of Christ, South Milford, and Mike Booher of the St. Joe Church of Christ, St. Joe, officiating.

Burial will be at a later date in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

A gathering of family and friends will be Friday, March 4, 2011, from 4 to 6 p.m. in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the South Milford Church of Christ.

View a video tribute after Friday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Janet Hornbrook

ANGOLA — Janet Sue Hornbrook, 52, of Angola and formerly of Camden, Michigan, went to be with the Lord on Sunday February 27, 2011.

Mrs. Hornbrook

Janet was owner and operator of Treasures of the Heart Daycare for 26 years in Angola.

She and her husband, Steve, were foster parents.

Janet was born on February 19, 1959, in Hillsdale, Michigan, to Larry and Ruth (Smith) VanAken of Montgomery, Michigan. Janet married Harold "Steve" Hornbrook on February 5, 2000, at the Angola Assembly of God Church.

She was a member of the South Woodbridge Pentecostal Church of Camden, Michigan, were she was involved with the women of ministry group. She started the Missionetts group in Angola.

Janet also worked with CASA in Angola.

Survivors include her husband, Steve of Angola; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Justin and Bailey Huscher of Kokomo, Ind., and Jedidiah Huscher at Huntington College; three daughters, Kristin Huscher and her fiance Rick Rivera of Warsaw, Kyrie Huscher and her fiance Thomas Kopf of Angola and Kataleena Hornbrook of Angola; two grandchildren, Kyler Huscher and Treyten Kopf; a stepgrandchild, Nekoah Trine; her parents, Larry and Ruth VanAken of Montgomery, Michigan; and two brothers, Mike (JoAnn) VanAken of Garrett and David (Chandra) VanAken of Fremont.

Calling will be on Thursday, March 3, 2011, at the H.E. Johnson & Son Funeral Home, 108 S. West St., Angola, from 1 to 7 p.m.

Services will be on Friday March 4, 2011, at noon at the South Woodbridge Pentecostal Church in Camden, Michigan, with calling one hour before services.

Burial will be at the West Woodbridge Cemetery in Camden.

Preferred memorials are to the education fund for Kataleena Hornbrook and Jedidiah Huscher.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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Raymond Houser

FORT WAYNE — Raymond J. Houser, 93, father of June T. DeMarco, Syosset, N.Y., and Lynn R. Houser, Bloomington, Ind., passed away Monday, Feb. 28, 2011, at Bloomington Hospital.

Mr. Houser

As he said at his 90th birthday celebration, "I have spun a very wide web and have drawn you all into it."

Ray wore many hats, not the least of which was a U.S. Navy cover. He devoted 35 years to the Navy, rising to the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4, the highest possible ranking for an enlisted man. He served in World War II. If you spent any time with Ray, you no doubt heard some of his Navy tales.

Another cap Ray wore was that of musician. He was an accomplished guitar and banjo player. He formed Ray's Old Gold, a group of veteran musicians who performed around the Fort Wayne area. He also volunteered and performed for Audiences Unlimited. He entertained well into his 90s.

Ray made his living as an engineer. The last 17 years of employment were spent at the Dana Corp., where he was the head engineer at the Churubusco plant. He retired in 1977.

Ray was a member of many organizations. He belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion Post 09500, Knights of Columbus, Fraternal Order of Elks, St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church and also was a former president of the local chapter of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals.

Ray's greatest achievement was being a loyal husband and a nurturing father. His first wife, Marion T. Loney, predeceased him in 1985. His second wife, Mary Helen Putnam, was his spouse for 47 years until she passed away in 2005.

Also predeceasing Ray are his mother and father, Monica (Schimmele) Houser and Clement J. Houser, and five siblings, Leo, Edward, Joseph, Beatrice and Velma.

Other survivors besides his children are a daughter-in-law, Patricia Tasker Houser, Bloomington; and seven grandchildren, Joseph T. DeMarco, Silverhill, Ala., Raymond S. DeMarco, Pensacola, Fla.; Scott R. Frick, Kendallville; Robin R. Salmeron, Coral Springs, Fla. and Stephen P. Frick, Winter Springs, Fla., along with nine great-grandchildren and a wealth of friends.

Mass of Christian Burial is at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 5, 2011, at St Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 1502 East Wallen Road, with calling 1 hour prior to service.

Calling hours is 2-4 and 6-8pm Friday at Klaehn, Fahl and Melton, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St. Burial will be in Lindenwood Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family has designated the American Veterans Association, and the Fort Wayne Animal Shelter for memorials.

Send online condolences to www.klaehnfahlmelton.com.

Phyllis Bowerman

ANGOLA — Phyllis A. Bowerman of Angola died Saturday, Feb. 27, 2011, at The Heritage of Huntington.

Mrs. Bowerman

She was preceded in death by her husband, Weir M. Bowerman in 1984.

Surviving are a daughter, Michelle (Bradley) Belcher of Syracuse, Ind.; a brother, Norman Allen of Ontario, Canada; and a sister, Peggy Johnson of Pasadena, Calif.

Private graveside services will be held at Flint Cemetery.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

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Clara Hanes

KENDALLVILLE — Clara Marie Hanes, age 99, of Kendallville died on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hanes

Mrs. Hanes was born in Avilla, Indiana, on August 17, 1911, to the late Albert Diehm and Emma (Wolf) Diehm.

She married LeRoy Harmon Hanes on September 16, 1933, in Avilla. He preceded her death in March 1979.

Clara was a homemaker and she was also employed for several years at the old Lutheran Home in Kendallville where she was in charge of the dietary department.

She was a life-long member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla where she was active in in the past with the Ladies Aid. She was also a member of the RSVP Club in Kendallville.

Clara enjoyed flower gardening and baking.

She lived at the Lamplighter in Kendallville for many years where she participated in weekly Bible study and helped with making bears for children.

While living at the Lutheran Life Villages she was involved in the choir group.

Clara was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and she enjoyed playing bingo and euchre.

Survivors include four sons, Robert and Beverly Hanes of Kendallville, John Hanes of Auburn, Lauren and Karen Hanes of Kendallville and Duane and Tove Hanes of Kendallville; a daughter, Joann Wallace of Rantoul, Illinois; 10 grandchildren, Cathy Aumsbaugh of Kendallville, Jamie March of Kendallville, Michael Wallace of Mahomet, Illinois, Douglas Hanes of Kendallville, Charles Hanes of Auburn, Christine Sutton of Auburn, Andrea Wallace of Champaigne, Illinois, Jim Hanes of Cary, Illinois, and Debbie Hanes of Marina del Ray, California; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Norman, Eldon and Freeman Diehm, and a sister, Berniece Graham.

Visitation will be Friday, March 4, 2011, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

A celebration of the life of Clara Hanes will be Saturday, March 5, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. Officiating the celebration will be the Rev. Thomas A. Dunbar.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana. Casketbearers will be all of her grandchildren.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Ladies Aid of Immanuel Lutheran Church or charity of the donor's choice

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Clara by Friday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Marjorie Porter

LIGONIER — Marjorie Mildred (Shockey) Porter of Ligonier passed away Saturday, February 26, 2011, at 12:34 a.m. at Parkview Main in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Mrs. Porter

Mildred was born April 11, 1926, and was a daughter of the late Eldridge A. Shockey and Queenie K. (Cotcamp) Shockey.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Charles H. Porter; her son, Michael D. Porter; her brother, Bernard Shockey; and her sister, Jessie Shockey.

Mildred grew up in Fayetteville, West Virginia. She graduated from Fayetteville High School and attended one year of college at Virginia Tech.

Mildred was a wonderful wife, mother, and grandmother.

She worked until she was 79 years old at Oak Tree Nursing Home.

Surviving children and their spouses are: Charles A. and Carolyn Porter, Karen Rollins, Sandra L. (Pam) and Johnny Johnston, and James R. Porter.

Surviving grandchildren and their spouses are Charles E.(Scottie) and Missi Porter, Robert D. and Kathy Porter, Angela D. Porter, Aimee R. and James Ray, Dani Rollins-Earnest and Danny Earnest, James (Jimmy) Porter, Sean Rollins, Christopher Johnston, Andy Porter, Savannah Porter, and Evan Porter.

Surviving great-grandchildren are Jonathan Porter, Brandon Ray, Jacob Wilkins, Zachary Porter, Noah Ray, Isaac Porter, and Eldridge Porter.

Graveside services will be at noon on Thursday, March 3, 2011, at Pleasant View Cemetery, Gatewood Road, Fayetteville, W.Va.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. today, Wednesday, March 2, 2011, and again Thursday morning March 3, 2011, from 11 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. at the funeral home.

Burial will follow at Pleasant View Cemetery, Gatewood Road, Fayetteville, W.Va.

Dodd-Payne-Hess Funeral Home, 350 W. Maple Ave., Fayetteville, is in charge of arrangements.

For those wishing to send condolences to Mrs. Porter's family, you may do so by visiting www.doddpaynehessfuneralhome.com.

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Bettie Morrison

FREMONT — Bettie H. Morrison, 89, of Fremont, Indiana, passed away on March 1, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital, Auburn, Ind.

Mrs. Morrison

She was born April 1, 1921, to William and Irene (Burgett) Monroe in Decatur, Ind. She was the fourth of four children.

Mrs. Morrison graduated from Metz High School. She attended the former Ross O'Neal Chiropractic College of Fort Wayne in 1946.

She was a member of Metz Christian Church, Order of Eastern Star 221 in Ashley, Ind., Fremont American Legion Cassel Post 257 Auxiliary, and La Societe de Femmes Cabane 1536 in Lapeer, Mich.

A longtime resident of Fremont, Mrs. Morrison was an employee of the Fremont Public Library for 16 years, and an election board member for 40 years. She was also an attendant at Pokagon State Park, and waitressed at Buck Lake Ranch as well as other restaurants.

Survivors are a son, Wayne and Sharon Jacobs of Lapeer, Mich.; a daughter-in-law, Janet Jacobs of Butler, Ind.; two stepdaughters, Melanie Sindel of Edgerton, Ohio, and Deborah and Greg Keener of Auburn, Ind.; two stepsons, Roger and Mary Morrison of Auburn, Ind., and Larry and Shann Morrison of Nashville, Tenn.; a stepdaughter-in-law, Phoebe Morrison of Houma, La.; six grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; 10 stepgrandchildren; 20 stepgreat-grandchildren; and five stepgreat-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Charles F. Jacobs and Sidney J. Morrison; a son, Lee Jacobs; a stepson, Glen Morrison; a stepson-in-law, Jack Sindel; three grandchildren; two sisters; and one brother.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Thursday, March 3, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind., with an Eastern Star service at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, March 4, 2011, at the funeral home. Pastor Mike Hesterman will officiate.

Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola, Ind. Following the committal services at the cemetery, a meal will be served at the Fremont American Legion.

Memorials are to Metz Christian Church.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Charles T. Mendenhall, 79

Charles T. Mendenhall, 79, a resident at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion, passed away on Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at 8:04 a.m.

Mr. Mendenhall was born in Noble County on June 16, 1931 to Ray and Marian (Eagles) Mendenhall, of Albion. He served in the United States Air Force and was retired from American Hoist and Pinkerton Security Company. He was a member of the American Legion Post 246.

Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Phyllis (Hamlin) Mendenhall, Albion; four daughters, Cheryl Blessing (Gary), Michele Cupa, Karen Mendenhall-Dager, all of Fort Wayne, and Tina Mendenhall, Albion; seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Midwest Funeral Home and Cremation Society was in charge of the arrangements.

David Wilson Allen, 78

David Wilson Allen, 78, of Indianapolis died Saturday, Feb. 26, 2011, at St. Frances Hospital in Beech Grove.

Mr. Allen had lived in Ligonier prior to moving to Indianapolis in 1996.

He was a member of the Goshen Apostolic Pentecostal Church. Mr. Allen was born Dec. 30, 1932, in Van Wert, Ohio, to Wilson "Bill" and Martha Geraldine "Gerry" (Black) Allen. He married Ann Franklin on Nov. 30, 1963. She survives in Indianapolis.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lori (Bruce Haase) Wirey of Mooresville; a son, Pastor Kenneth (Beth) Allen of East Prairie, Mo.; two grandchildren; and a brother, Roger (Dottie) Allen of Leesburg.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Robert David Allen and Thomas Ray Allen; his parents; and two brothers, Robert Allen and Richard "Dick" Allen.

Funeral services were at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with his son, Pastor Kenneth Allen, and the Rev. Jack DeVault officiating. Burial was in Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier with American Legion Post 253 of Ligonier conducting graveside services.

Memorials are to Grace Apostolic Church, 905 E. Mitchell Ave., East Prairie, Mo.

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Lucy L. Ickes, 93

Lucy L. "Sis" Ickes, 93, a resident of Churubusco and widow of Churubusco businessman Eugene V. Ickes, passed away at 12:55 a.m. on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at her home. Although she had been in declining health, her death was unexpected.

Mrs. Ickes was born on August 26, 1917 in LaOtto, a daughter of Peter Charles and Bessie Ann (Rosenogle) Bryie. She graduated from LaOtto High School, and was honored as the Onion Queen as a young lady.

On July 4, 1939 she was married in Frankfort, Kentucky to Eugene V. Ickes. Early in their marriage the couple lived in Blackford County. They later built a home near Ari, and lived there until moving to their present home south of Churubusco in 1963.

An employee of Dana Weatherhead in Fort Wayne for many years, she retired from there in 1982.

She was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Ege, its Rosary Society, and served as a Eucharistic Minister. She was also a member of the Smith Township Home Demonstration Club, and volunteered at St. Andrew's Soup Kitchen in New Haven. In her leisure time she enjoyed cooking and gardening.

Mr. Ickes, former owner and operator of Churubusco Watch for many years, preceded her in death on November 21, 1989.

The surviving relatives include her son and daughter-in-law, Terry and Beth Ickes of Fort Wayne; a brother Otho "Pat" (Norma) Ickes of Lakeland, Florida; two grandsons Scott Ickes and David (Melissa) Ickes, both of Fort Wayne; and two great-grandchildren Cassidy Ickes and Mikayla Ickes.

The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church at Ege with Father Danney Pinto, the celebrant.

The Rosary was recited at the mortuary.

Interment was in the family plot at Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed for masses or to Heartland Home Health Care & Hospice, 1315 Directors Row, #210, Fort Wayne, IN 46808

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Ickes' memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

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Harry W. Hart, 70

Harry W. Hart, age 70, Cromwell, IN, formerly of Syracuse, IN, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, February 22, 2011 as the result of an automobile accident. He was born on October 7, 1940 to Wesley and Wilhelamine (Strong) Hart. On June 7, 1969 he married Michele Miller.

Growing up in Omaha, NE, he joined the United States Navy right after high school. After 23 years in the Navy, most of those being in the submarine service, he retired as a MMCM/SS. Harry and his family moved to Syracuse, IN in 1982 and then to Cromwell, IN in 1989.

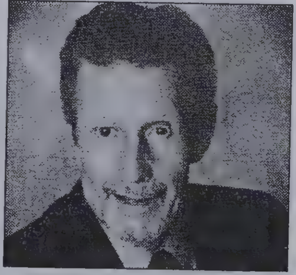
Surviving are his wife, Michele of Cromwell; a son, Jason Hart of Cromwell; a brother, John (Pat) Hart of Overland Park, KS; a sister, Patricia (Jerry) Jones of Cheyenne, WY; three nieces; and three nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Nora Glenn.

A funeral service was held in Mr. Hart's honor on Friday, February 25, with Celebrant Larry Baker officiating.

Memorial contributions are to the Wounded Warrior Project, 7020 AC Skinner Pkwy, Suite 100, Jacksonville, FL 32256 or the Veteran's Association of America, P.O. Box 309, Audobon Station, New York, NY 10032.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Charles Hanneman, 71



Charles M. Hanneman, 71, died Saturday, February 19, 2011. A Celebration of Life service will be at 4 p.m. on Friday, March 11, with the calling before the service at 2:30 p.m., at Highland Park Cemetery, 2403 E. Wallen Road, Fort Wayne.

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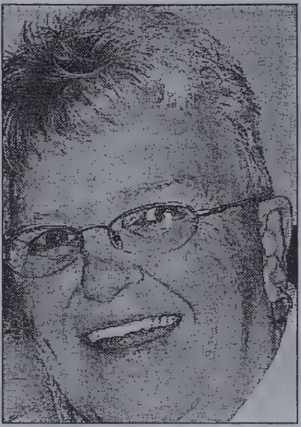
Gracie Caudill, 66



Gracie Caudill, age 66, of Wolcottville, died on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at her residence just north of Wolcottville, Indiana.

Mrs. Caudill was born in Hindman, Kentucky on November 17, 1944 to the late Newton and Belle (Miller) Owsley.

She married Larry Caudill on May 10, 1969 in Clintwood, Virginia.

Gracie worked at Nishikawa in Topeka for about 11 years before she retired since 2006.

She was a member of the The Full Gospel Lighthouse Tabernacle in Kimmell where she was saved.

Gracie liked to go camping and spend time with her family.

Survivors include her husband of 41 years, Larry Caudill of Wolcottville; daughters, Minnie Caudill and Chad Bragg of Wolcottville, Loura and William Sutton of Albion, Nancy Quinley of Wolcottville; sons, David and Brenda Stidham of Symerna, Tennessee, and Paul and Jennifer Stidham of Kendallville; step-son, Benny Ray Fugate of Manchester, Kentucky; grandchildren, Olivia LaVoie, Crystal Nichols, Angel Troyer, Donnie Messer, Alisha Messer, Skylar Quinley, William Sutton, Jr., Natasha Bragg, Benjamin Fugate, Aaron Fugate, Johnny Ray Fugate and Hannah Fugate; great-grandchildren: Donavin Nichols, Kamdyn Ritchie, Adrianna Troyer, Braxton Sutton, Destiny Messer, Faith Messer, Robbie LaVoie, Jr., Justice LaVoie, Aiden Fugate, and Alex Fugate; sisters, Opsie Owsley of Falmouth, Kentucky, and Frankie "Susie" Roberts of Wolcottville; brothers, Letcher "Jack" and Veda Owsley of Mongo, Byrd "Jake" and Cathy Owsley of Rome City, and Boyd and Jean Owsley of Wawaka; sisters-in-law, Ursula Hayes, Billy Joan Chaffins, and Blanche Cornett, Betsy Short, Carolyn Short, Mary Ellen Winfrey, and Shiela Short; brothers-in-law, Willie Jr. Short, Gary Dean Short, Howard Short.

She was preceded in death by her grandson, Christopher Moses Quinley; sister-in-law, Donna Gail Kirby; and brother-in-law, Curtis Ray Short.

Funeral services were Monday, February 28, 2011 at Hindman Funeral Services in Hindman, Kentucky.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Wayne Johnson and Pastor Billy Joe Kirby.

Burial was at Jim Patrick Cemetery in Bearville, Kentucky.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Edward J. Criswell, 79

Edward J. "Jay" Criswell, age 79, of Stroh passed away on Friday, February 25, 2011 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Criswell was born in Albion, Indiana on August 11, 1931 to the late Allen O. and Vera B. (Ackerman) Criswell.

He attended Rome City schools and entered the United States Army in 1950.

He remained in the Army until 1971 serving with the Army Security Agency retiring with the rank of Sergeant Major E8. His many assignments included Japan, Korea, Germany and Vietnam.

After his retirement, Jay was employed as a truck driver with R&W Trucking and a school bus driver for the Prairie Heights School Corporation for 8 years.

He also worked as a lawn care specialist maintaining private properties since 1985.

On April 7, 1972, he married Donna Kern at the Zion Lutheran Church near Corunna.

He was a member of the American Legion in Albion and the V.F.W. in LaGrange.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Criswell of Stroh; three daughters and their spouses, Deb and Dean Twitchell of Angola, Michele Whipple of Vicksburg, Michigan, and Cynthia and Michael Rhea of Kendallville; grandchildren, Jared and Katie Anderson of Indianapolis, Carrie and Jeff Pintar of Orland Park, Illinois, Justin Rhea of Vicksburg, Cole Twitchell of Lockport, Illinois, Joshua Rhea of Lansing, Michigan, Rachael Rhea of Kendallville, and Sarah Rhea of Kendallville; four great-grandchildren, Adrien, Cailyn, Maxwell, and Jackson; brothers, Fred Criswell of West Virginia, Larry Criswell of Rome City, and Michael and Sue Criswell of Wolcottville; sisters, Bonnie Amerman of Kendallville, and Barbara and Kenny VanWagner of Rome City; sisters-in-law, Maudie Criswell of Kendallville, Jo Criswell of Edgerton, Ohio, Marie Criswell of Olympia, Washington, and Mary Baldwin of Florida.

He was preceded in death by his brothers, Louie, Richard, Paul, Dean, Garman, Tom and Arthur; and his sister, Hazel Bloomfield; and his son-in-law, Timothy Whipple.

Funeral services were Monday, February 28, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. James Tews.

Burial was at Zion Lutheran Cemetery, West Fairfield north of Corunna.

Preferred memorials may be made to Messiah Lutheran Church in Wolcottville or the Stroh Volunteer Fire Department.

Casketbearers were his grandsons and his nephew Andy Criswell.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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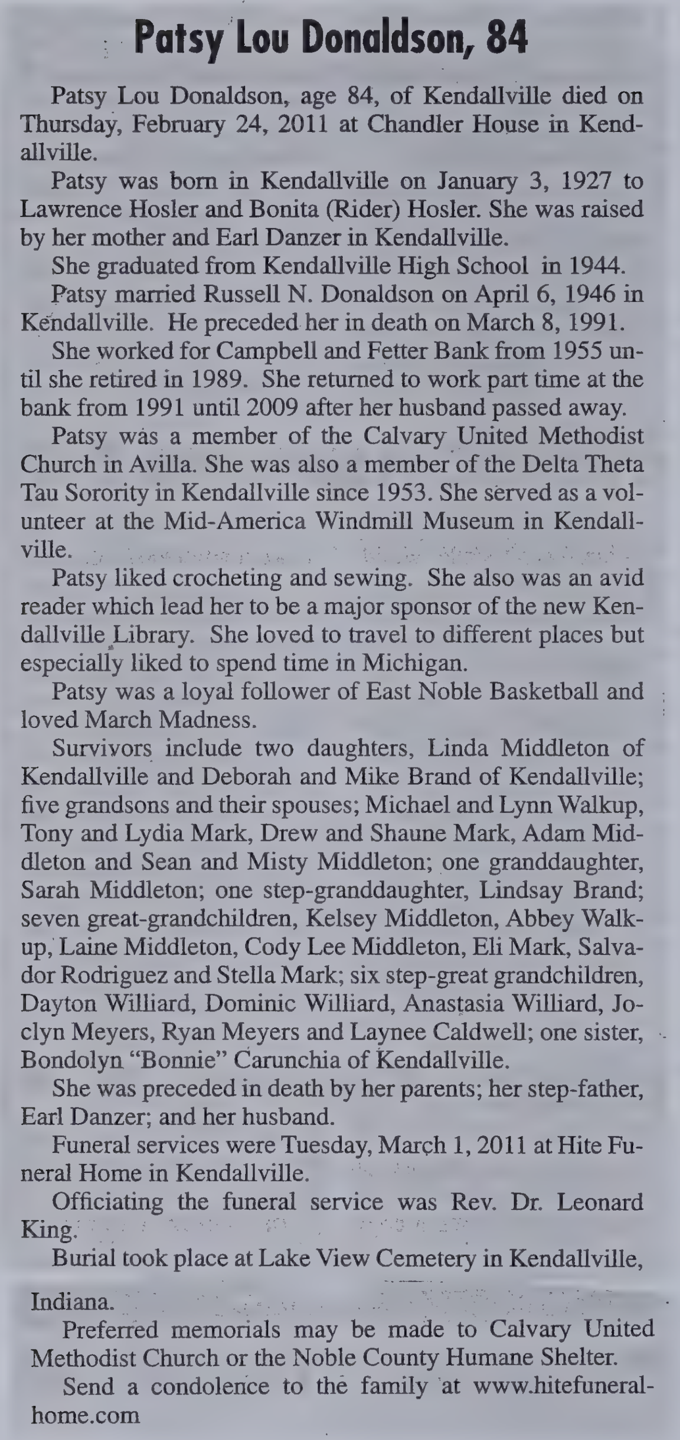

Patsy Lou Donaldson, 84

Patsy Lou Donaldson, age 84, of Kendallville died on Thursday, February 24, 2011 at Chandler House in Kendallville.

Patsy was born in Kendallville on January 3, 1927 to Lawrence Hosler and Bonita (Rider) Hosler. She was raised by her mother and Earl Danzer in Kendallville.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1944.

Patsy married Russell N. Donaldson on April 6, 1946 in Kendallville. He preceded her in death on March 8, 1991.

She worked for Campbell and Fetter Bank from 1955 until she retired in 1989. She returned to work part time at the bank from 1991 until 2009 after her husband passed away.

Patsy was a member of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Avilla. She was also a member of the Delta Theta Tau Sorority in Kendallville since 1953. She served as a volunteer at the Mid-America Windmill Museum in Kendallville.

Patsy liked crocheting and sewing. She also was an avid reader which lead her to be a major sponsor of the new Kendallville Library. She loved to travel to different places but especially liked to spend time in Michigan.

Patsy was a loyal follower of East Noble Basketball and loved March Madness.

Survivors include two daughters, Linda Middleton of Kendallville and Deborah and Mike Brand of Kendallville; five grandsons and their spouses; Michael and Lynn Walkup, Tony and Lydia Mark, Drew and Shaune Mark, Adam Middleton and Sean and Misty Middleton; one granddaughter, Sarah Middleton; one step-granddaughter, Lindsay Brand; seven great-grandchildren, Kelsey Middleton, Abbey Walkup, Laine Middleton, Cody Lee Middleton, Eli Mark, Salvador Rodriguez and Stella Mark; six step-great grandchildren, Dayton Williard, Dominic Williard, Anastasia Williard, Joclyn Meyers, Ryan Meyers and Laynee Caldwell; one sister, Bondolyn "Bonnie" Carunchia of Kendallville.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her step-father, Earl Danzer; and her husband.

Funeral services were Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Dr. Leonard King.

Burial took place at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to Calvary United Methodist Church or the Noble County Humane Shelter.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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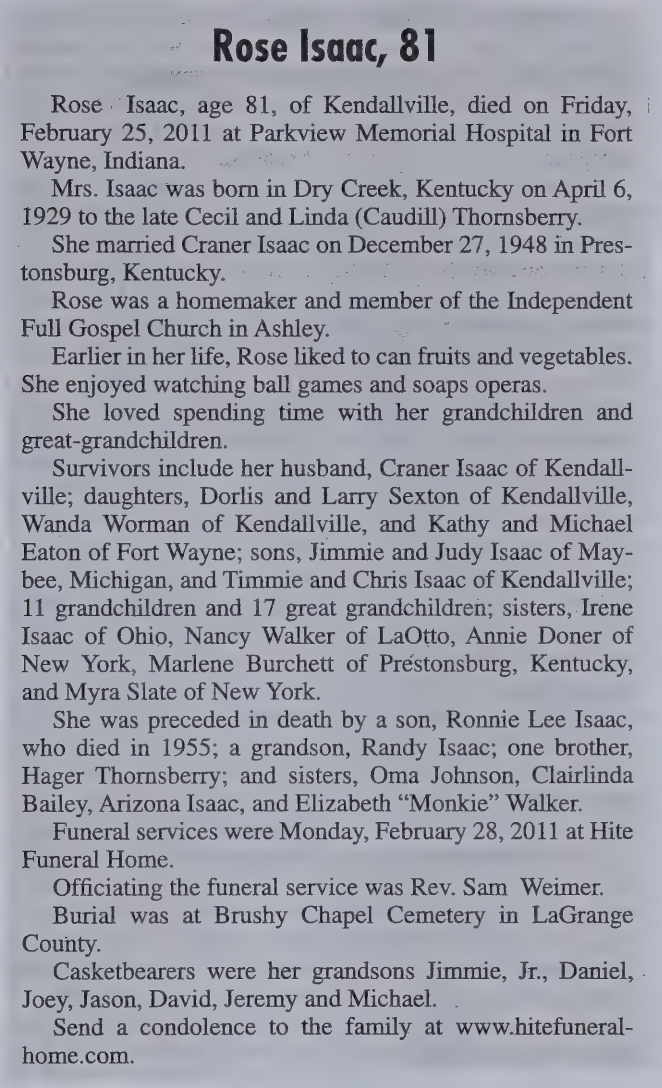

Rose Isaac, 81

Rose Isaac, age 81, of Kendallville, died on Friday, February 25, 2011 at Parkview Memorial Hospital in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Mrs. Isaac was born in Dry Creek, Kentucky on April 6, 1929 to the late Cecil and Linda (Caudill) Thornsberry.

She married Craner Isaac on December 27, 1948 in Prestonsburg, Kentucky.

Rose was a homemaker and member of the Independent Full Gospel Church in Ashley.

Earlier in her life, Rose liked to can fruits and vegetables. She enjoyed watching ball games and soaps operas.

She loved spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Survivors include her husband, Craner Isaac of Kendallville; daughters, Dorlis and Larry Sexton of Kendallville, Wanda Worman of Kendallville, and Kathy and Michael Eaton of Fort Wayne; sons, Jimmie and Judy Isaac of Maybee, Michigan, and Timmie and Chris Isaac of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren and 17 great grandchildren; sisters, Irene Isaac of Ohio, Nancy Walker of LaOtto, Annie Doner of New York, Marlene Burchett of Prestonsburg, Kentucky, and Myra Slate of New York.

She was preceded in death by a son, Ronnie Lee Isaac, who died in 1955; a grandson, Randy Isaac; one brother, Hager Thornsberry; and sisters, Oma Johnson, Clairlinda Bailey, Arizona Isaac, and Elizabeth "Monkie" Walker.

Funeral services were Monday, February 28, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Sam Weimer.

Burial was at Brushy Chapel Cemetery in LaGrange County.

Casketbearers were her grandsons Jimmie, Jr., Daniel, Joey, Jason, David, Jeremy and Michael.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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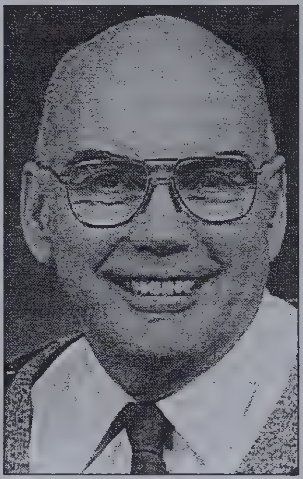
Ralph Whaley, 80



Ralph Whaley, 80, a resident of rural Albion, passed away at 9:42 a. m. on Saturday, February 26, 2011, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Whaley was born on March 22, 1930 in Toledo, Ohio, and spent his formative years there. As a young man he served with the U. S. Army, and later reenlisted in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean Conflict.

On July 28, 1951 he was married in Angola to Betty J. Kime. He spent most of his adult years in Noble Township near Merriam. For many years he worked as a heavy equipment mechanic. He later went into management and later became an independent businessman. He had co-owned and operated Preferred Companies since 1992, where he worked as a consultant.

An active member of the Merriam Christian Chapel, he had served his church in a variety of capacities, including being a deacon and Sunday School teacher. In his leisure time he enjoyed motorcycle trips with his wife and assisted her in founding the Fort Wayne Cat Fanciers Association. He greatly enjoyed going to steam engine shows and was an avid reader.

Mrs. Whaley preceded him in death on February 25, 2009.

The surviving relatives include his daughters Linda (Roger) Wirt of Duchesne, Utah and Rita Whaley of Quito, Ecuador; a brother Burton (Gerrie) Paulson of Toledo; and a sister Barbara (Robert) Sanders of Fremont.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a sister Phyliss Kenyon.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2011, at the Merriam Christian Chapel with Pastor Terry L. Zolman, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the service Saturday morning and immediately following the memorial service in the church multi-purpose room.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be directed to the Merriam Christian Chapel Missions Fund, 3895 South U. S. 33, Albion, IN 46701.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Whaley's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

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Diana Nichols, 69

Diana Nichols, age 69, of Kendallville, died on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at her residence in Kendallville.

Mrs. Nichols was born in Kendallville on December 18, 1941 to the late Merle Russell and Beverly Jean (Peters) Moreland.

She graduated from Kendallville High School in 1959 and was married to Glenn Carlton Nichols on May 7, 1960 in St. Petersburg, Florida. Glenn preceded her death on September 10, 1997.

For many years, Diana was a childcare provider in her own home. She also worked for a number of years at Kraft Foods.

Diana was a very active member of the First Christian Church in Kendallville. She was involved in many ministries within the church such as cooking and serving Wednesday dinners, volunteering her time and talents with AWANA each week, and helping with Vacation Bible school. She also helped prepare and work in the church booth at the Apple Festival, assisted with funeral dinners, and took part in Wednesday morning Bible study. Diana was a supporter of Life and Family Services in Kendallville.

She was an avid fan of the Notre Dame Fighting Irish, Indianapolis Colts, and Dale Earnhart, Jr. and Sr.

Diana enjoyed gardening, sewing, and re-caning old chairs. She was known to her family as the "Queen" of family gatherings.

She loved making cookies with her grandchildren and attending all of their sporting events and other school activities.

Diana also enjoyed traveling and getting together with "The Gang" from K.H.S. Class of '59. She also enjoyed bowling, which was how she first met Glenn in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Survivors include four daughters, Wendy and Wayne Wappes of Houston, Texas, Kelly and Robbie Craft of Kendallville, Judy Spencer of Kendallville, and Sherry Nichols and her companion Mary Eich of Swanton, Ohio; nine grandchildren, Megan, Brittney and Paden Wappes, Kristin, Karrie and Adam Craft, Lacey and Mathew Spencer, and Dominick Nichols-Eich; sisters, Brenda Moreland of Kendallville, and Sally and Ron Blake of VanWert, Ohio; brother, Jeff and Laura Moreland of Kendallville.

Funeral services were Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral services were Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier and Rev. Robert Farmer.

Preferred memorials may be made to First Christian Church or Goshen Center for Cancer Care..

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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Katherine Weber, 87

Katherine "Katy" Fay (Norris) Weber is out and about right now because she danced hand in hand with Jesus into heaven on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at 1:30 a.m. at her home in Albion.

She was born on October 2, 1923 in Albion and was the daughter of the late Benjamin and Ethel (Randall) Norris. She spent her life in the Albion area and graduated from Albion high School in the Class of 1941.

Mrs. Weber worked at Dana Corporation and was a homemaker for her life's work.

She was a member of the Albion American Legion Post 242 Women's Auxiliary, and the Albion Eagles Lodge #2445 F.O.E Auxiliary. She was a world traveler, enjoyed dancing, bird watching, was very active in many charities and especially enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. she was also a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion.

Surviving are two daughters, Darlene (Paul) Valliere-Millewich of Inverness, Illinois and Marlene (Monty) Morr of Albion; grandchildren, Jonathan Valliere, Zac (Jennifer) Parker, Cory (Jamie) Parker, Jacinda (Mike) Parker-Robinson, Trent (Tiffany) Parker, Samantha (Bobby) Davis-Crane, Nick (Kara) Morr, and Matt (Ashley) Morr; great-grandchildren, Korbin, Ivy, Hannah, Samuel, Kade, Hailey, Trista, Dylen, and Emma; one sister, Emmagene Long of Kendallville; and three brothers, Rex (Shirley) Norris of Hurst, Texas, Kenneth Norris of Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Joe (Midge) Norris of Fort Worth, Texas.

She was preceded in death by her longtime companion Gerald Schlichtenmyer; three brothers, Alton Norris, Ray Norris and Jack Norris; and a sister, Evelyn Moore.

Funeral service for Mrs. Weber was February 28, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Albion. Pastor Phyllis Smoots officiated.

Cremation followed and the burial of ashes will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion at a later date.

Please make memorials to St. Mark's Lutheran Church or to the Audobon Society.

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Amanda Schrock, 90

Amanda Schrock, 90, of Topeka died Wednesday, Feb. 23, 2011, at Parkview LaGrange Hospital. Mrs. Schrock was a lifetime Topeka resident.

She was born Sept. 3, 1920, in Topeka to Henry and Emma (Bontrager) Beechy. She married Jacob A. Schrock on Oct. 15, 1940. He died Oct. 18, 2003.

Surviving are her children, Susie (Sam) Schrock of Arthur, Ill., Emma (Norman) Plank of Arcola, Ill., Joni (Sara) Schrock of Madison, and Leanna (Samuel) Herschberger of Topeka; 28 grandchildren; 96 great-grandchildren; her brothers and sisters, Daniel (Viola) Beechy of Goshen, Levi (Anna) Beechy of Humansville, Mo., Susie (Jesse) Schlabach of Goshen and Katie (Amos) Miller of Middlebury; her step-sisters, Amanda Christner of Topeka, Ind., and Ida (Kenneth) Christner of Mongo; and a sister-in-law, John (Alberta) Miller of Goshen.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two great-grandchildren; a brother, Elmer Yoder; and two sisters, Barbara Yoder and Amelia Yoder.

Funeral services were Saturday at the Floyd Fry residence, Topeka. Burial was in Miller Cemetery.

Eddie Wilson Hall, 66

Eddie Wilson Hall, age 66, of Dry Creek, KY passed away on Monday, February 21, 2011 at his residence from natural causes. He was born on January 23, 1945 in Weeksbury, KY to Edward & Margaret (Bailey) Hall. Mr. Hall worked for Lippert Components for over 15 years as a welder.

Surviving are his children, Eddie Hall of Reamstown, PA, Andrea Nelson of Ligonier, IN, Anthony Caudill of Mansfield, OH; nine grandchildren, Kairi and Kiana Hall, Chelsea, Adam, Austin and Cheyanne Caudill, Kaitlyn Eash, Briann Deel and Lily Nelson; four brothers, Eugene Hall of Ligonier, IN, Vernon Hall of Ligonier, IN, Billy Hall of Syracuse, IN, John Hall of Middlebury, IN, Jimmy Hall of Ligonier, IN; six sisters, Louise Lecount of Ligonier, IN, Helen Bevies of Ligonier, IN, Lucille Losee of Ligonier, IN, Lois Isaac of Kendallville, IN, Peggy Cadena of Ligonier, IN, Teresa Gaff of Ligonier, IN, and Donna Hall of Ligonier.

He was preceded in death by his father; a brother, Ralph Hall; and one great-grandchild.

A funeral service was held in Hall's honor on Saturday, February 26, 2011 at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, IN 46767, with Jimmy Webster officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to his mother, Margaret Hall, for a special memorial fund.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 2, 2011, Wednesday

Paul Johnson

Some of the information that ran in last week's edition was wrong or left out. Here are the corrections:

Paul is survived by his wife of 52 years, Rhonda; two sons, Eric (Veronica) Johnson and Richard (Kathy) Johnson, both of Albion; four grandchildren, Corina Williams, Albion, Michelle Croft, Ft. Wayne, Benjamin Johnson, and Bob Johnson, both of Albion; two great-grandchildren; and a sister, Roberta Fisher, Ligonier; and a brother, Robert Johnson, Albion.

He was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Johnson; and sisters, Lucille Weeks, Barbara Johnson, and Phyllis Joan Wells.

Memorial gifts can be directed to St. Marks Lutheran Church, Albion.

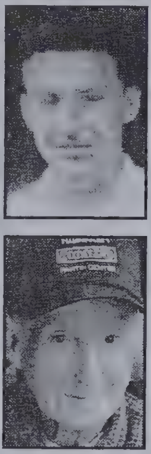
THANK YOU to all of our friends and family for the visits to Paul, phone calls, wonderful food, the loan of equipment for him, meaningful cards, and especially those prayer warriors who kept us all in your prayers throughout Paul's difficult journey. God Bless all of you.

Rhonda Johnson
Eric and Veronica Johnson
Ben and Bob
Rick and Kathy Johnson
Corina and Michelle

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 3, 2011, Thursday

Curtis Conley

KENDALLVILLE — Curtis Conley, 76, of Kendallville died Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at 11:34 p.m. in Lutheran Life Villages, Kendallville.



Mr. Conley

Mr. Conley graduated from Garrett High School, Garrett, Kentucky, in 1952. He moved to this area in 1953, coming from Kentucky.

He was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

He had worked in maintenance at Newnam Foundry in Kendallville for many years. When the foundry workers went on strike, he moved his family to Kentucky and he worked in maintenance in the coal mines for a few years. He eventually moved back to this area and worked at Newell in Albion until 1993 when he suffered a stroke.

Curtis enjoyed fishing and spending time at Bixler Lake with his retired friends.

He was born February 8, 1935, in Gunlock, Kentucky, to Willis and Emily (Shepherd) Conley. On June 6, 1958, in Summersville, Ohio, he married Ellen Gibson.

Surviving are his wife, Ellen Conley of Kendallville; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Emily and Bruce Andrews of Big Long Lake, Virginia Terry and her fiance, Joe Gupton of Butler, and Waneta and Butch Percey of Beaumont, Texas; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Arnold Ray Gibson of Kendallville and Danny Ray and Sherry Conley of Cassopolis, Michigan; 14 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Thelma and Elmer Hoover of Wayne, Michigan, Ceila and Don Bolen of Destin, Florida, Margie and Doug Cook of Wayne, Michigan, and Lee and Freddie Tillman of Thousand Oaks, California; a brother and sister-in-law, Frank D. and Reana Conley of Louisiana; and two sisters-in-law, Delores Conley of New Mexico and Nadine Conley of Wayland, Kentucky.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a granddaughter, Katlyn Shaylend Conley; four sisters, Elsie, Marie, Dorothy, and Ruthie; and four brothers, Lawrence, Lloyd, Arnold, and Clifford.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 4, 2011, at 1:30 p.m. in Harbor of Love Baptist Church, 2353 S. Lima Road, Kendallville, with Pastor Charles Mosley officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Honorary casketbearers are Bill Moore, Willie Gose, and Bo Stevens. Active casketbearers are his grandsons, Donny Siples, Shane Knox, Adam Powers, Brandon Percey, Nathan Gibson, Jeremy Gibson, and Josh Conley.

Calling is today, Thursday, March 3, 2011, from 2-7 p.m. in the church where there will be an evening service at 7 p.m.

Preferred memorials are to pancreatic cancer research.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 3, 2011, Thursday

Patricia Goffinet

KENDALLVILLE — Patricia Anne (Easterline) Goffinet, 75, of Kendallville died Monday, Feb. 28, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Goffinet was born April 11, 1935, in Hillsdale County, Mich., to Blon J. and Sophronia Belle (Abbee) Esterline.

Surviving are her children, Patrice Abbee of Kendallville, Rebecca (Christopher) Jehl of Fort Wayne, Bethany (Steven) Shane of Albion, Matthew (Joan) Goffinet of O'Fallon, Mo., and Andrew (Rebecca) Goffinet of Rochelle, Ill.; her sisters, Betty Freese of Montpelier, Ohio, Bonnie Gelenius of Flint, Mich., Blondean Winn of Germantown, Md., and Lulu (Aaron) Southworth of Hillsdale, Mich.; brothers, James (Ruth) Esterline of Montgomery, Mich., and Danny (Grace) Esterline of Wausau, Wis.; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the George White Funeral Home in Reading, Mich.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Cambria Cemetery.

Memorials are to the Noble Transit System in Kendallville.

Emilio Rodriguez

KENDALLVILLE — Emilio Rodriguez, 69, of Kendallville died Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at his home.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to noon at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at noon at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery.

James Dahl

ANGOLA — James Dahl, 57, of Angola died Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing Center in Angola. Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

Pauline McGuire

CHURUBUSCO — Pauline McGuire, 90, of rural Churubusco died Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at the family residence in Smith Township following a lengthy illness.

Services are at 2 p. m. on Saturday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Rick Van Horn officiating. Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Calling is Saturday at noon until the service at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice or the Alzheimer's Association.

Jack Johnston

AUBURN — Jack D. Johnston, 75, of Auburn died Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mr. Johnston worked maintenance in various jobs throughout his life.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during the Korean Conflict.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn and the Waterloo Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Jack loved to fish. He also loved repairing bicycles and lawn mowers.

He was born March 6, 1935, to the late Nelson Clinton and Minnie Annabell (Stuller) Johnston.

Surviving are a brother, Harold Johnston of Auburn; five sisters, Betty Beckwith of Fort Wayne, Fay Christlieb of St. Joe, Nancy and her husband Delsley Sizemore of Waterloo, Alice Holmes of Auburn, and Beverly Jones of Auburn; and many, many nieces and nephews.

He was also preceded in death by a sister, Delores Johnston.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with minister Matthew Snodderly officiating. Burial will be in Fairfield Cemetery in rural Corunna with military graveside services being conducted by American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. Friday prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Beverly Jones.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 3, 2011, Thursday

Clara Hanes

KENDALLVILLE — Clara Marie Hanes, age 99, of Kendallville died on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hanes

Mrs. Hanes was born in Avilla, Indiana, on August 17, 1911, to the late Albert Diehm and Emma (Wolf) Diehm.

She married LeRoy Harmon Hanes on September 16, 1933, in Avilla. He preceded her death in March 1979.

Clara was a homemaker and she was also employed for several years at the old Lutheran Home in Kendallville where she was in charge of the dietary department.

She was a life-long member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla where she was active in the past with the Ladies Aid. She was also a member of the RSVP Club in Kendallville.

Clara enjoyed flower gardening and baking.

She lived at the Lamplighter in Kendallville for many years where she participated in weekly Bible study and helped with making bears for children.

While living at the Lutheran Life Villages she was involved in the choir group.

Clara was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and she enjoyed playing bingo and euchre.

Survivors include four sons, Robert and Beverly Hanes of Kendallville, John Hanes of Auburn, Lauren and Karen Hanes of Kendallville and Duane and Tove Hanes of Kendallville; a daughter, Joann Wallace of Rantoul, Illinois; 10 grandchildren and their spouses, Cathy and Tom Aumsbaugh of Kendallville, Jamie and Jamison March of Kendallville, Michael Wallace of Mahomet, Illinois, Todd and Sheryl Hanes of Kendallville, Douglas and Marie Hanes of Kendallville, Charles and Lori Hanes of Auburn, Christine and John Sutton of Auburn, Andrea Wallace and Kim Dahl of Champaigne, Illinois, Jim Hanes of Cary, Illinois, and Debbie Hanes of Marina del Ray, California; her stepgrandchildren and their spouses, Toni and Cathy Jones of Avilla and Troy and Jill Jones of Michigan; 16 great-grandchildren; six stepgreat-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren

She was also preceded in death by three brothers, Norman, Eldon and Freeman Diehm, and a sister, Berniece Graham.

Visitation will be Friday, March 4, 2011, from 4-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

A celebration of the life of Clara Hanes will be Saturday, March 5, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla. Officiating the celebration will be the Rev. Thomas A. Dunbar.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana. Casketbearers will be all of her grandchildren.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Ladies Aid of Immanuel Lutheran Church or charity of the donor's choice

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Clara by Friday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 3, 2011, Thursday

Ralph Whaley

ALBION — Ralph Whaley, 80, a resident of rural Albion passed away at 9:42 a. m. on Saturday, February 26, 2011, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Whaley

Mr. Whaley was born on March 22, 1930, in Toledo, Ohio, and spent his formative years there. As a young man he served with the U. S. Army, and later re-enlisted in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean conflict.

On July 28, 1951, he was married in Angola to Betty J. Kime.

He spent most of his adult years in Noble Township near Merriam. For many years he worked as a heavy equipment mechanic. He later went into management and later became an independent businessman. He had co-owned and operated Preferred Companies since 1992, where he worked as a consultant.

An active member of the Merriam Christian Chapel, he had served his church in a variety of capacities, including being a deacon and Sunday school teacher.

In his leisure time he enjoyed motorcycle trips with his wife and assisted her in founding the Fort Wayne Cat Fanciers Association. He greatly enjoyed going to steam engine shows and was an avid reader.

Mrs. Whaley preceded him in death on February 25, 2009.

The surviving relatives include his daughters, Linda (Roger) Wirt of Duchesne, Utah, and Rita Whaley of Quito, Ecuador; a brother, Burton (Gerrie) Paulson of Toledo; and a sister, Barbara (Robert) Sanders of Fremont.

In addition to his wife, he was preceded in death by a sister, Phyliss Kenyon.

Memorial services will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2011, at the Merriam Christian Chapel with Pastor Terry L. Zolman officiating.

The family will receive friends at the church one hour prior to the service Saturday morning and immediately following the memorial service in the church multi-purpose room.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be directed to the Merriam Christian Chapel Missions Fund, 3895 South, U.S. 33, Albion, IN 46701.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco is in charge of the arrangements.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Whaley's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

Kenneth Drew

FLORAL CITY, Fla. — Kenneth Eugene Drew, 75, of Flora City died recently at his home in Florida.

Private family services were at Turner Funeral Home in Brooksville, Fla.

Mary Zegenfus

AUBURN — Mary E. Zegenfus, 88, of Auburn died Monday, Feb. 28, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Arrangements are pending at H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Angola.

Peg Bontrager

MIDDLEBURY — Peg Bontrager, 67, of Middlebury died Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at Goshen General Hospital. Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 4, 2011, Friday

Fire kills WN grad

BY BOB BUTTGEN
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Gamblin

LAFAYETTE — A Wednesday morning apartment fire in Lafayette claimed the life of a Ligonier man who was a student at Ivy Tech Community College in Lafayette.

Justin Gamblin, 23, a 2007 graduate of West Noble High School, was found dead on the second floor of a seven-unit apartment building, according to the Tippecanoe County Coroner's office. The apartment building is at 716 Brown St.

According to the Lafayette Journal-Courier newspaper, firefighters were called to the scene around 6:30 a.m. The fire spread from the back apartment into the attic of the seven-unit building.

A cause of death for Gamblin and information on the start of the fire are still being determined. An autopsy was performed Wednesday.

The fire displaced 10 people.

Gamblin was known as a "very friendly guy" who "everyone liked," said a friend, who asked to remain anonymous.

Gamblin was a member of the basketball team while attending West Noble. He had also attended classes at Purdue University in West Lafayette.

Word of his death spread throughout West Noble High School Wednesday. Principal Nate Lowe said the death of the former student was taken hard by teachers and staff at the school.

Gamblin was the son of William and Misty Utterback of Ligonier, and has a brother, Zach, who is a sophomore at West Noble.

Funeral arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier.

Justin Gamblin

LAFAYETTE — Justin Gamblin, 23, of Lafayette, died Wednesday, March 2, 2011, in a house fire in Lafayette.

Arrangements are pending at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

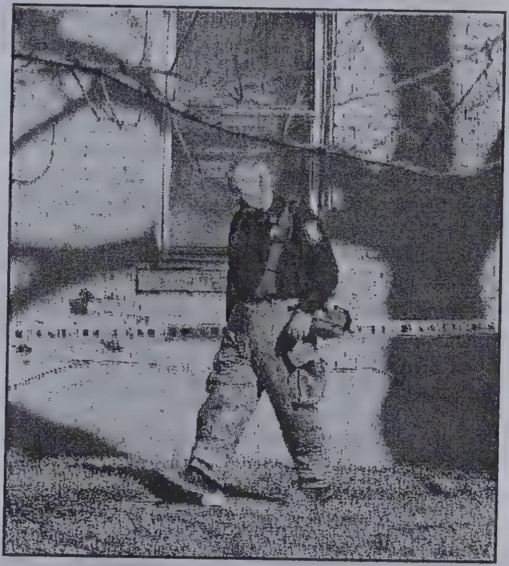

PHOTO COURTESY OF LAFAYETTE JOURNAL & COURIER

Lafayette fire investigator Gary Bennett walks along the perimeter of an apartment complex on Brown Street in Lafayette, Wednesday, where a fire resulted in the death of Justin Gamblin of Ligonier.

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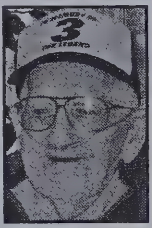
Raymond Kline

BRIMFIELD — Raymond R. Kline, 91, of Brimfield died Thursday, March 03, 2011, at 12:30 a.m. in his residence.


Mr. Kline

Mr. Kline, a lifetime area resident, was a truck driver for Kendallville Iron & Metal and Kendallville Foundry.

He attended St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

He was born February 20, 1920, in Kendallville to Carl and Marie (Miller) Kline. He was married to Betty Stevens. She preceded him in death. On June 7, 1997, in Ashley, he married Sally L. (James) Diemer.

Ray enjoyed fishing, camping, NASCAR, and woodworking.

Surviving are his wife, Sally L. Kline of Brimfield; three daughters, Paula Fox of Rome City, Kathy Kline of Rome City, and Roxy Ann Sands of Orlando, Florida; four sons, Sonny Kline of Brimfield, Michael (Emma) Kline of Albion, Steve (Trina) Kline of Albion, and Kent Stevens (Todd Rupert) of Hudson; five stepdaughters, Rebecca (Ronald) Garrison of Collinsville, Illinois, Susan (Ryan) Stalf of Angola, and Carole (Jim) Beechler of LaGrange, Carolyn Williams of LaGrange, and Betty (Jim) Hendrix of Rome City; three stepsons, Pastor Mark (Tami) Diemer of Alexandria, Indiana, Daniel (Sara) Diemer of Woodburn, and Walter Stevens of Kendallville; 37 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; two sisters, Barbara Ousley of Wolcottville and Pat (Dean) Scofield of Howe; and a brother, Frank Kline of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Brad Fox; a stepson, Matthew David Diemer; a sister, Jo Becker; and three brothers, Billy Kline, Carl "Louie" Kline, and Oscar Kline.

Funeral services will be Monday, March 7, 2011, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor Mark Diemer of the Alexandria Church of the Nazarene, Alexandra, and Pastor Paul B. Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Casketbearers will be Joshua Shepherd, Kyle Fox, Jay Fox, Luke Kline, Wade Smith, and Kass Nicodemus.

Calling is Sunday, March 6, 2011, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church, 301 S. Oak St., Kendallville, IN 46755.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Mary Zegenfus

AUBURN — Mary E. Zegenfus, 88, died Monday, Feb. 28, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Zegenfus was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn where she taught Sunday school and was a youth group supporter.

She was born on May 6, 1922, in Auburn to James and Maude (Graham) Latson. She married Garthard G. Zegenfus on June 12, 1949. He preceded in death on Feb. 29, 1996.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Elizabeth "Beth" Zegenfus; two sisters, Wilma Wilson and Margaret Haynes; and her parents.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, with the Rev. Steven Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be Saturday from noon to 2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials may be directed to DeKalb County Humane Society or St. Mark's Lutheran Church or Betz's Caregivers on the Move.

H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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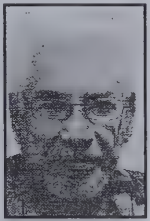
March 4, 2011, Friday

Emilio Rodriguez

KENDALLVILLE — Emilio Lopez Rodriguez Sr., 69, of Kendallville died Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at his home in Kendallville.


Mr. Rodriguez

Mr. Rodriguez was a lathe operator and employed with Nazar Rubber in Toledo for about 40 years.

He served his country in the Army National Guard from 1957 to 1960.

Mr. Rodriguez was a member of the American Legion in Newaygo, Mich.

He was born in San Antonio, Texas, on March 13, 1941, to Senaido Ruaz Rodriguez and Margarita Ovaious (Lopez) Rodriguez. He married Melanie Louise Lands Rodriguez on March 13, 1982. She survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving are two sons, Emilio Rodriguez Jr. of Toledo and Christopher and Ashlee Rodriguez of Waterloo; seven daughters, Helen Rodriguez of Toledo, Cindy Rodriguez of Toledo, Joyce (Rodriguez) and Doug Cuney of Fort Wayne, Veronica (Rodriguez) and Robert Draper of Toledo, Kathy (Rodriguez) and Mark Welker of Toledo, Dianna (Rodriguez) and Jim Jones of Toledo, Janet (Rodriguez) and Jack Bolen of Kendallville and Jessica (Rodriguez) and Jamie Alspach of Findlay, Ohio; 24 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; two brothers, David Rodriguez of Toledo and Louis Rodriguez of Toledo; and two sisters, Deloris Dickerson of Toledo and Elizabeth Vis of Newaygo, Mich.

He was preceded in death by parents; two sons, Danny Rodriguez and Danial Jose Rodriguez; two daughters, Emilianna and Elizabeth Renee Rodriguez; one granddaughter, Sirena; one great-grandson, Xavier; one sister, Evangelina Gulisic; and two brothers, Robert and David Rodriguez.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m to noon Friday at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at noon Friday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Send a Condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Mary Stahl

LAGRANGE — Mary Cathryn Stahl, 98, of LaGrange Thursday, March 3, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Mrs. Zegenfus

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Lake Bethel Mennonite Church,1050 E. C.R. 275S, LaGrange.

Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery in rural LaGrange.

Memorials may be made to Lake Bethel Mennonite Church.

Ava Bryan

FISHERS — Ava Jean Bryan, 4-month-old daughter of Mark and Angie (Mills) Bryan of Fishers, went to be with Jesus on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at Riley Children's Hospital in Indianapolis.

Ava Bryan

She was born on October 25, 2010, in Indianapolis.

In addition to her parents, Ava will be loved and missed by her brother, Blake Bryan; her maternal grandparents, Doug and Linda Mills; her paternal grandparents, Dana and Donna Cheesman and Dave and Phyllis Bryan; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2011, at Randall & Roberts Fishers Mortuary, 12010 Allisonville Road in Fishers, with Chaplin Eric Martens officiating.

Visitation will be Friday, March 4, 2011, from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Baby Ava touched so many lives in her short time. Her mommy and daddy are so proud of her.

Memorial contributions may be made to Ronald McDonald House or Riley Children's Hospital.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 4, 2011, Friday

Peg Bontrager

MIDDLEBURY — Peg Bontrager, 67, of Middlebury died Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at Goshen General Hospital, Goshen.

Visitation will be from 1-4 p.m. Sunday at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, 1003 S. Main St., Middlebury.

A memorial service will follow at 4 p.m. also at the funeral home.

Burial will be at a later date in Grace Lawn Cemetery, Middlebury.

Memorials are to St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

James Dahl

ANGOLA — James Dahl, 57, died Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing Home.

Mr. Dahl worked for Aro Corp.

He was born on May 4, 1953, in Valley City, N.D., to Rolland and Lorrayne (Edland) Dahl.

Surviving are a daughter, Amanda Dahl of East Lansing, Mich.; two brothers, Robert Dahl of Bluffton and Paul Dahl of Angola; and a sister, Julie (Kim) Kellett of Orland.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola.

There will be no services.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Pauline McGuire

CHURUBUSCO — Pauline McGuire, 90, of Churubusco died Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at her home.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. Saturday at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Memorials are to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Ave., Suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805; or the Alzheimer's Association, 6324 Constitution Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 5, 2011, Saturday

Investigators looking into fatal fire

22-year-old West Noble graduate killed in apartment blaze in Lafayette

BY BOB BUTTGEN
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LAFAYETTE —As investigators try to determine the cause of Wednesday's fire that killed a Ligonier native, funeral arrangements have been made for the victim, Justin Gamblin, 22.

Pat Grimes, an inspector for the Lafayette Fire Department, said it could take two or three days to complete a final report on the fire‘s cause. The blaze broke out about 6:20 a.m. Wednesday in a seven-unit apartment complex near downtown Lafayette.

Gamblin's body was discovered in a second-floor apartment by firefighters.

"We are still working on finding the cause of the fire," Grimes said. "We've completed our on-scene investigation, and we're still interviewing people and doing our normal procedures in a fatal fire."

Gamblin

An autopsy was performed Wednesday, but as of Thursday, coroners still needed to run toxicology tests and get a report from a pathologist, which could take up to three weeks, Avolt said.

According to the Tippecanoe County coroner's office, Gamblin's cause of death won't be released until all the tests have been completed.

Gamblin graduated from West Noble High School in 2007 and had attended Purdue University, as well as Ivy Tech Community College in Lafayette.

A funeral service will be held Sunday at 7 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with celebrant Larry Baker officiating. An additional funeral service will be held at Jackson Funeral Chapel in DeMotte on Tuesday.

Visitation at Yeager Funeral Home will be from 3-7 p.m. Sunday.

An obituary for Gamblin appear on page A4.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 5, 2011, Saturday

Justin Gamblin

LIGONIER — Justin Wayne Gamblin, 22, of Lafayette and formerly of Ligonier died at 6:30 a.m. Wednesday, March 2, 2011, in Lafayette as the result of injuries from a house fire.

Mr. Gamblin

Mr. Gamblin was a lifetime area resident.

He had been a student at Purdue University and was currently enrolled at Ivy Tech Community College in Lafayette.

Mr. Gamblin was a 2007 graduate of West Noble High School.

He was born Sept. 29, 1988, in Goshen. His parents, William and Misty (Fisher) Utterback survive in Ligonier.

Also surviving are his mother, Melissa Gamblin of Ligonier; two brothers, Zachary Gamblin and Ethen Utterback, both of Ligonier; a sister, Krystal Utterback of Ligonier; his grandparents; and a large extended family.

He was preceded in death by his father, Jeff Gamblin; and a brother, Scott Gamblin.

Visitation will be from 3-7 p.m. at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier.

Funeral services will be at 7 p.m. at the funeral home with celebrant Larry Baker officiating.

Additional visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at Jackson Funeral Service, 200 Third St. SW, DeMotte, Ind.

Additional funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Jackson Funeral Service with Pastor David Snyder officiating.

Burial will be in Cemetery of the Resurrection in DeMotte.

Memorials are to the family.

Online condolences may be sent to www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Mary Stahl

LAGRANGE — Mary Cathryn Stahl, 98, of LaGrange Thursday, March 3, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday at Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Lake Bethel Mennonite Church,1050 E. C.R. 275S, LaGrange.

Burial will be in Lake Bethel Cemetery in rural LaGrange.

Memorials may be made to Lake Bethel Mennonite Church.

Mary Zegenfus

AUBURN — Mary E. Zegenfus, 88, died Monday, Feb. 28, 2011, at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

Mrs. Zegenfus

Mrs. Zegenfus was a member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn where she taught Sunday school and was a youth group supporter.

She was born on May 6, 1922, in Auburn to James and Maude (Graham) Latson. She married Garthard G. Zegenfus on June 12, 1949. He preceded in death on Feb. 29, 1996.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Elizabeth "Beth" Zegenfus; two sisters, Wilma Wilson and Margaret Haynes; and her parents.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. today at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, with the Rev. Steven Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery.

Calling will be today from noon to 2 p.m. at the church.

Memorials may be directed to DeKalb County Humane Society or St. Mark's Lutheran Church or Betz's Caregivers on the Move.

H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Angola, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com.

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Raymond Kline

BRIMFIELD — Raymond R. Kline, 91, of Brimfield died Thursday, March 03, 2011, at 12:30 a.m. in his residence.

Mr. Kline

Mr. Kline, a lifetime area resident, was a truck driver for Kendallville Iron & Metal and Kendallville Foundry.

He attended St. John Lutheran Church in Kendallville.

He was born February 20, 1920, in Kendallville to Carl and Marie (Miller) Kline. He was married to Betty Stevens. She preceded him in death. On June 7, 1997, in Ashley, he married Sally L. (James) Diemer.

Ray enjoyed fishing, camping, NASCAR, and woodworking.

Surviving are his wife, Sally L. Kline of Brimfield; three daughters, Paula Fox of Rome City, Kathy Kline of Rome City, and Roxy Ann Sands of Orlando, Florida; four sons, Sonny Kline of Brimfield, Michael (Emma) Kline of Albion, Steve (Trina) Kline of Albion, and Kent Stevens (Todd Rupert) of Hudson; five stepdaughters, Rebecca (Ronald) Garrison of Collinsville, Illinois, Susan (Ryan) Stalf of Angola, and Carole (Jim) Beechler of LaGrange, Carolyn Williams of LaGrange, and Betty (Jim) Hendrix of Rome City; three stepsons, Pastor Mark (Tami) Diemer of Alexandria, Indiana, Daniel (Sara) Diemer of Woodburn, and Walter Stevens of Kendallville; 37 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; two sisters, Barbara Ousley of Wolcottville and Pat (Dean) Scofield of Howe; and a brother, Frank Kline of LaGrange.

He was preceded in death by two sons-in-law, Brad Fox and Neal Sands; two daughters-in-law, Carolyn Kline and Joyce Kline; two stepsons, Matthew David Diemer and Jack Stevens; a sister, Jo Becker; and three brothers, Billy Kline, Carl "Louie" Kline, and Oscar Kline.

Funeral services will be Monday, March 7, 2011, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville, with Pastor Mark Diemer of the Alexandria Church of the Nazarene, Alexandra, and Pastor Paul B. Griebel of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Casketbearers will be Joshua Shepherd, Kyle Fox, Jay Fox, Luke Kline, Wade Smith, Kass Nicodemus, Ryan Kline and Michael Kline.

Calling is Sunday, March 6, 2011, from 4 to 8 p.m. in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to St. John Lutheran Church, 301 S. Oak St., Kendallville, IN 46755.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Bobby DePew

AUBURN — Bobby "Bobbie" (Ousley) DePew, 61, of Auburn died Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at her home in Auburn.

She was a press brake operator at Group Dekko in Garrett for four years.

She was born March 10, 1949, in Eastern, Ky., to Robert and Minnie (Patton) Ousley and they preceded her in death.

Mrs. DePew

Surviving are her husband, Maynard DePew Sr., of Auburn; a son, Dexter Sexton of Garrett; four daughters, Rhonda Sexton of Auburn, Sherry Sexton of Shelby, Ohio, Tammie Sexton of Garrett and Davina Sexton of Auburn; a stepson and stepdaughter, Maynard DePew Jr. of Alaska and Destiny DePew of Kendallville; 10 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; a brother, George Ousley of Eastern, Ky.; and four sisters, Rosie Fletcher of Shiloh, Ohio, Kathy Luna of Mount Gilead, Ohio, Liz Sexton of Plymouth, Ohio, and Peggy Hoover, Eastern, Ky.

She was preceded in death by her former husband and father of her children, Lowell Sexton; and a sister, Mary Searl.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home with Pastor Bill Lyne of Day Spring Church officiating.

Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Memorials are to DeKalb Memorial Hospice.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome. org.

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Charles Ley

GARRETT — Charles E. Ley, age 89, of Garrett, Ind., died at 3:17 a.m. Friday, March 4, 2011, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla, Ind.

Charles was born November 12, 1921, in Avilla, Ind., to William L. and Ethel (Aman) Ley and they preceded him in death. He married Victoria Bonkoski on June 22, 1946, in Garrett, Ind., and she died on April 30, 1979.

He worked as a car inspector on the B&O Railroad for 34 years, retiring in 1983.

He was a WW II Army veteran.

He was a member of St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, Ind., Knights of Columbus Council 1790 in Garrett, Ind., Garrett Eagles and the Avilla American Legion Post 240.

Survivors include two daughters and a son: Peg Gaar of Garrett, Ind., Connie Ley and her companion, Dick Clark, of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Joe Ley and his companion, Linda Duke, of Garrett, Ind.

His surviving grandchildren are: Julie (Ron) Regazzi of Leo, Ind., Travis (Christina) Gaar of Garrett, Ind., Nicholas (Amanda) Ley serving in the U.S. Army in Iraq, and Michal Ley and Madison Ley of Auburn, Ind.; his great-grandchildren are: Victoria and Matthew Regazzi of Leo, Ind., and Connor and Kaylee Gaar of Garrett, Ind.

Also surviving are his two brothers and a sister: Victor (Ursula) Ley and Don (Mary) Ley, both of Avilla, Ind., and Teresa Glasgow of Hudson, Ind.

Charles was preceded in death by his wife, Victoria Ley; a brother: John Ley; an infant daughter, Mary Catherine Ley; a son-in-law, Terry Gaar; and a grandson, Jeffrey Gaar.

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. on Sunday, March 6, 2011, at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, Ind., with a rosary service at 2 p.m. There will also be calling from 10-11 a.m. Monday, March 7, 2011, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, Ind.

A Mass of Christian Burial will take place at 11 a.m. Monday, March 7, 2011, at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, Ind., with Father Edward Erpelding officiating.

Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery in Avilla, Ind., with military graveside services by the Avilla American Legion and the U.S. Army.

Memorials are to: Masses at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Garrett, Ind.; St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla, Ind.; or St. Joseph Catholic School in Garrett, Ind.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting: www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Margaret Way

THREE RIVERS, Mich. — Margaret Way, 80, of Three Rivers died Thursday, March 3, 2011, at Three Rivers Health Hospital.

Memorial visitation from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday at Grace Christian Church, 125 E. Mitchell St., Kendallville, Ind.

Burial will be in Bushnell National Cemetery in Florida.

Memorials are to the American Cancer Society in care of Grace Christian Church.

Richard White

FREMONT — Richard E. "Ricky" White, 42, of Fremont died Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.

Mr. White worked at Rise Inc. of Angola.

He was a member of Fremont United Methodist Church in Fremont.

Mr. White had participated in several Special Olympics and received a Silver Medal in gymnastics at the International Games.

He was born Nov. 23, 1968, in Angola to Bernard and Catherine E. (Gould) White. His father survives in Fremont and his mother preceded him in death on July 7, 2008.

Also surviving are three sisters, Deborah and Todd Flickinger of South Bend, Rebecca White and her companion, Jeremy Myers, of Fremont, and Susanna White and her companion, Travis Bond, of Fremont.

Memorial services will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church in Fremont with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

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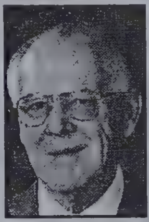
Duane Hetmansperger

AUBURN — Duane F. Hetmansperger, 83, died Friday, March 4, 2011, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Hetmansperger and his wife, Lois, owned the Christian Supply Center in Sturgis, Mich., for 27 years. He had previously worked at Three Rivers Rubber Co. for 10 years.


Mr. Hetmansperger

He graduated from Mendon High School and attended Western Michigan University.

Mr. Hetmansperger was a WWII Army veteran.

He was a member of the Auburn Alliance Church and a lifetime member of the Gideon's International. He also served a number of years on the Child Evangelism Fellowship Committee of St. Joseph County, Mich.

He was born Dec. 11, 1927, in Mendon, Mich., to Fredrick and Lillian (Eldridge) Hetmansperger. He married Lois C. Gerig on Aug. 3, 1966, in the "Little Brown Church in the Vale" in Nashua, Iowa. She survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are a brother, Marlen (Reta) Hetmansperger of Three Rivers, Mich., and several nieces and nephews

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Marguerite Hill and Merry Baker.

Calling will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at the Auburn Alliance Church, 805 Old Brick Road, Auburn, Ind.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the church with calling one hour prior to the services. Pastor Shaun Dufault will officiate.

Burial will be in Mendon, Mich.

Memorials are to the DeKalb County Child Evanelism and Gideon's International.

Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home in Spencerville is in charge of arrangements.

Mabel Fuller

BUTLER — Mabel I. Fuller, 101, of Butler died Friday, March 5, 2001, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

Arrangements are pending at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home in Butler.

Manases Herschberger

MIDDLEBURY — Manases Hershberger, 69, of Middlebury, Friday, March 4, 2011, at East Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation, Elkhart.

Arrangements are pending at Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

Brian Kelly

ANGOLA — Brian James Kelly, 46, of Angola, died Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at his residence.

The family will conduct private services.

Memorials are to the family.

Arrangements are by Beams Funeral Home.

James Tomlinson

FORT WAYNE — James W. Tomlinson Sr., 75, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, March 3, 2011, at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion.

Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Sunday at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City.

Private family burial will be at the Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with the Whitley County Korean War Veterans Honor Guard presenting graveside military honors.

Memorial are to a memorial fund with checks payable to DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home.

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Her life was a beautiful melody

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KENDALLVILLE — In her heart of hearts she was a teacher and taught everyone who came to know her to embrace God's gift of life and make a difference in other's lives.

Sharon Stark was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother, said Ken Stark, her husband of 52 years. She passed away Feb. 1, 2011.

Family was most important to Mrs. Stark. In his eulogy at her memorial service, the Rev. G. Scott Pattison of Trinity Church United Methodist described how she insisted that her family sit together at the dinner table for breakfast and supper.

"She enjoyed sharing with friends stories about her children and grandchildren," he said.

Her son, Paul, recalled how his mother ran the whole household. She took care of all the tasks, meal planning, grocery shopping, cooking, dishwashing, laundry, house cleaning.

"Mom got a lot of satisfaction from knowing that we were all well cared for, happy, healthy and lacked nothing," he said. "The thing that made her the happiest was making us happy."

He described the evening family walks, family game nights, vacations to the Rocky Mountains, Virginia Beach, California and Turkey Run State Park in Indiana when he and his brother John were growing up. Later, his mother and father organized biannual weeklong Stark family trips with their two sons and their families to places such as North Carolina, Disney World and Jamaica.

"My folks put a high priority on getting us all together as often as we could," he said.

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Sharon Stark smiles with excitement, right, on a whitewater rafting trip on the Gallanta River in Montana in 2000. Her husband, Ken, is at the front left.

Music was a big love of her life, as well. She was an accomplished cellist and played with the Fine Arts String Ensemble and sang in the Trinity Methodist choir. She played cello in the orchestra accompanying many East Noble Theatre productions.

Her son, John, recalled how his mother took him to piano lessons for seven years when he was growing up.

"I usually enjoyed it and became pretty good with her pushing," he said. He recalled the many practice sessions at home with his mother listening intently while cooking dinner in the kitchen. "She occasionally hollered around the corner with advice on better dynamics, but always in an encouraging tone," he said. A couple times he tried a duet with her on the cello.

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His mother regularly had records playing the house, said Paul Stark.

"She had a library of many kids' music albums she used to play, and she would also play Christmas albums all season long," he said. His mother bought him an album of John Phillip Sousa marches when he was 3 or 4 years old. "I really liked listening to it. Who would have thought that inspiration probably played a significant part in my becoming the drum major for the East Noble Marching Knights 13 years later," he added.

Fran Moran first met her friend Sharon Stark as members of the Trinity Methodist choir. They sat next to each other in the choir for more than 30 years.

"Sharon had a strong, beautiful voice and was definitely the leader we could follow," she recalled. Mrs. Stark also had a sense of humor.

"She could make us all laugh during long practices, and everyone left with a smile," Moran said.

Mrs. Stark was a founding member of the Noble County Concert Association and a board member for 40 years in charge of publicity.

"My mother strongly believed that everyone should have the opportunity to be exposed to high-quality, live musical entertainment," said John Stark.

Harold Sollenberger, the association's current president, remembered how Mrs. Stark would do anything for the organization.

"Like her classic cello and the music she produced with it, Sharon obviously was an instrument," Sollenberger said. "She worked diligently for all of us with the association. She wore a smile, and cared deeply. I will remember Sharon as a beautiful melody."

Pattison described how involved Mrs. Stark was with Trinity Methodist's activities. She served on the board of trustees, the church council and the worship committee as well in the choir. She played her cello in an ensemble at Christmas and Easter services.

Ken and Sharon Stark owned several businesses before their retirement in 1991, including Taylor's Shoe Store, the Jean Shop and Baskin-Robbins ice cream store, and they supported downtown activities and events.

Mrs. Stark was a member of Tri Kappa Sorority since high school and volunteered at the Friendship Food Pantry and Mid-America Windmill Museum.

She sang with others. She played music with others. She volunteered with others. She worshipped with others and was a familiar face to downtown Kendallville shoppers for many years.

"Sharon made a difference in our community," said Pattison.

Mrs. Stark is buried in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

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Hilda Hanes Gibbons

AVILLA — Hilda Hanes Gibbons, 101, of Avilla died Saturday, March 5, 2011, at 5:45 a.m. in Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.

Hilda was born on September 2, 1909 in Helmer (Steuben County) Indiana to Jacob and Alma Cox. She attended grade school in Helmer, later graduating from Kendallville High School in 1927. She was trained as a secretary at the International Business College in Ft. Wayne.

Mrs. Gibbons

She married Harold Bower Hanes in September 1928 and was married for 59 years until his death in 1987. She was later married for 12 years to Richard Gibbons, who died in 2005. She lived the first 12 years of her married life in Albion, moving to Kendallville in 1941. Until fall of 2007, she resided in her residence on Arcadia Court. At that time she moved to the Provena Sacred Heart Assisted Living Facility where she resided until recently.

Hilda has six children: Harold Jr. ("Harry" — now deceased — survived by his widow Cleo of Kendallville), Howard (Ruth) of Glen Rock, N.J., Hugh (June) of Huron Ohio, Hannah (Robert) Johnson of Fort Wayne, Hal (Sue) of Pekin Ill., and Hope Fey of Indianapolis. All six children are graduates of Kendallville High School. She has 17 grandchildren and 34 great-grand children.

Hilda was the founding director of food services for Kendallville High School, then later, East Noble School District for 13 years.

Both she and her husband, Harold, were active in Masonic orders. They were a Past Matron and Patron of the Prentiss Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in Albion. Later, Hilda was appointed District Deputy Grand Matron for the 17th District, then Grand Ruth of the Indiana Grand Chapter of the OES.

She has been a member of Trinity Church United Methodist in Kendallville for at least 70 years. She is also a past member of the Sigma Beta Association Kendallville Chapter.

In September 2009 over 100 friends and relatives gathered at Provena Sacred Heart Home to celebrate her 100th birthday. On that occasion, Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of the OES Diann Stienbarger presented her a 75-year membership pin. She also received congratulatory letters and citations from the Mayor Suzanne Handshoe of Kendallville, the President of the Indiana Senate David Long, Governor Mitch Daniels and President Barack Obama.

She often expressed her life-long philosophy as, "My deepest values are the 3 Fs: Faith, Family and Friends. I have great comfort and trust because of my faith in God, respect and love for my family, and the joy and happiness I've received from my many friends."

The family requests that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to the Harold B. Hanes Scholarship Fund at Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville, or to the Harold B. Hanes, Jr., Scholarship Fund at East Noble High School, Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at 11 a.m. in Trinity Church United Methodist, Kendallville with Pastor G. Scott Pattison officiating. Burial will be in Lake View Cemetery, Kendallville.

Calling is Monday, March 7, 2011, from 4-7 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State St., Kendallville. An Eastern Star service will be held at 7 p.m.

View a video tribute after Monday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

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Margaret Way

KENDALLVILLE — Margaret Way, 81, died Thursday, March 3, 2011, at Three Rivers Health Hospital, Three Rivers, Mich. She had been fighting congenital heart disease and its side effects for a number of years.

Mrs. Way

She was born to Francis Patrick Donnelly and Margaret Malley.

Mrs. Way was married in Dayton, Ohio, to Judge Robert Way in April 1952.

She received her education in nursing and was employed by the Noble County Health Department in Albion for many years. She was an active member of Eastern Star and also was involved with the Mizpah Shrine with her husband, Robert.

Surviving are three sons and daughters-in-law: Scott and Bettie Way, Stuart and Elaine Way, and Shawn and Lori Bishop Way; six grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Way of Winterhaven, Fla.

Calling with a memorial service will be at Grace Christian Church, 126 E. Mitchell St., Kendallville, from 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, with a service to follow at 7 p.m.

Mrs. Way will be buried alongside her husband, who served in World War II, in Bushnell National Cemetery, Bushnell, Fla.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society in care of Grace Christian Church.

Mabel Fuller

BUTLER — Mabel I. Fuller, 101, died Friday, March 4, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Garrett.

She was born Nov. 21, 1909, in Newville to Harvey and Eva (Laub) Rank.

She married Lawrence D. Fuller on June 25, 1941, in Fort Wayne, and he preceded her in death on December 28, 1969.

Mrs. Fuller was a homemaker, a member of the Butler United Methodist Church and Butler American Legion Auxiliary, and a volunteer at DeKalb Memorial Hospital.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Chris and Dennis Phillips of Fort Wayne, and three grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, two brothers, Walter Rank and Lloyd Rank, and a sister, Elva Stark.

Services will be Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at 11 a.m. at the Butler United Methodist Church, with Pastor Kevin Marsh officiating.

Calling will be Tuesday from 4-7 p.m. at H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, and one hour prior to services.

Burial will be in the Butler Cemetery.

Memorials are to Butler United Methodist Church. Condolences may be sent to www.hejohnsonfh.com

Dora Giggy

LAGRANGE — Dora Giggy, 104, of LaGrange, died Saturday, March 5, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in LaGrange.

Arrangements are pending at Frurip-May Funeral Home.

Manases Hershberger

MIDDLEBURY — Manases Hershberger, 69, of Middlebury, died at 1:20 p.m. Friday, March 4, 2011, at East Lake Nursing and Rehabilitation, Elkhart.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday at Middlebury Church of the Brethren. A memorial service will follow at 7 p.m. at the church. Services will be conducted by pastors Sam Troyer and Dan Petry.

Cremation will take place. Burial will be in Thomas Cemetery, Goshen.

Memorials are to Middlebury Church of the Brethren. Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury, is handling arrangements.

Mary Belle Kline

SOUTH MILFORD — Mary Belle Kline, 89, of South Milford died Saturday, March 5, 2011, at 4:06 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Arrangements are pending at Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

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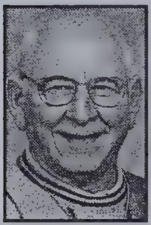
Jack Kurtz

ALBION — Jack Lindy Kurtz, 80, of Albion and Avilla passed away with his family around his bedside on Sunday, March 6, 2011, at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla.


Mr. Kurtz

Mr. Kurtz was born in South Bend on April 18, 1930, to the late Doris Copert Kurtz and Gertrude Catherine (Parker) Kurtz.

He honorably served his country in both the United States Army at the end of WWII and in the Navy during the Korean War.

When he returned from the war, he married Donna Lee Pfafman on Jan. 9, 1955, at the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Brimfield.

Jack was employed with General Telephone for 13 years and retired from Noble County R.E.M.C. after 20-plus years of service. He was also a licensed auctioneer and owned and operated Jack L. Kurtz Auctioneer for 30-plus years.

Jack was a life member of the Francis Vinyard V.F.W. Post 2749 in Kendallville. He was past chaplain of the post and faithful member of the funeral honor guard team for many years. Jack was also a life member of the American Legion Post 381 in Rome City. He was also a member of the Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church near Kendallville and served as past president of the church council.

Jack was a Notre Dame fan and an avid golfer. He also enjoyed hunting. He also was a scuba diver. Along with Bob Coil, he originated the Noble County Rescue Dive Team. He also began the Indiana Diving Council and was a member of the Fort Wayne Scuba Diving Club.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Lee Kurtz of Albion; two daughters, Sherri and Paul DeLong of Avilla and Paula and John Bherns of Skinner Lake, Albion; a son, Michael and Willodean Kurtz of Rome City; nine grandchildren, Chad and Stacey DeLong of Ligonier, Kari and Tadd Shively of Churubusco, Jennifer DeLong of Churubusco, Lindy and Josh Munson of Avilla, Cori and Bryce Zolman of Fort Wayne, Darcy and Bobby Fish of Albion, Kim and Larry Doyle of Gibsonia, Pa., Erik and Mandy Bherns of Hicksville, Ohio, and Cody Kurtz of Rome City; 20 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Earl Lynn Kurtz of Gig Harbor, Wash., and Terry Lee and Marilyn Kurtz of Royer Lake, LaGrange; a sister, Sharon Kay and Larry Hammel of Kendallville; and a brother-in-law, Walt Ziebell of Kendallville.

He was also preceded in death by a grandson, Steven DeLong in 1989; his sisters, Sue Ann Ziebell, Norma Rose Boszor and Margaret June Newman; and a sister-in-law, Shirley Kurtz.

Visitation will be Tuesday, March 8, 2011, from 1-8 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at 11 a.m. at St. Marks Lutheran Church in Albion. The family will receive friends an hour before the start of the funeral service at the church. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Phyllis Smoot.

Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church or Provena Sacred Heart Home, Alzheimer's Unit.

Active casketbearers will be Cody Kurtz, Chad DeLong, Bryce Zolman, Josh Munson, Bobby Fish, Tadd Shively, Tom Kelham and Dean Reeve. Honorary casketbearers are Larry Doyle IV, Erik Bherns and his 13 great-grandsons.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Jack by Tuesday at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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John Gordon

CROMWELL — John Edward Gordon, 46, of Cromwell died Saturday, March 5, 2011, in his home.

He was born Feb. 9, 1965, in Auburn to Tom and Barbara (Sweet) Gordon, who both survive in Auburn.

John was a truck driver for Town and Country Trucking.

He is survived by his parents; two sons, Bryce Gordon of Hamilton and Keith Gordon of LaGrange; a sister, Sue Covey of Auburn; a brother, Mark Gordon of Angola; and special friend, Shelly Sabin of Cromwell.

He was preceded in death by a son, Tyson Gordon; and grandparents, Elsie and Robert Keck, Wayne Sweet, Madeline Sheean and James L. Gordon.

Services will be 3 p.m. Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Auburn with the Rev. Herbert Gerken officiating. Burial is in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn. Calling is three hours prior to the service Tuesday from 12-3 p.m. at the church.

Memorials can be directed to the family. Feller and Clark Funeral Home of Auburn are assisting the family with arrangements. To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Donabelle Duesler

CROMWELL and HUNTINGTON — Donabelle Secrist Duesler, 88, of Huntington and formerly of Cromwell and Ligonier, died on Friday, March 4, 2011, at the Heritage of Huntington.

Mrs. Duesler was born in Cromwell on Nov. 5, 1922, in Cromwell to the late Dane D. and Myrtel (Moore) Secrist. In September 1993 she married Charles Duesler who passed away in 2000.

Mrs. Duesler was a 1940 graduate of the Cromwell High School and graduated from the Indiana University with a degree in education, then went on to the Case Western Reserve University to obtain her masters degree as a librarian. She taught at the Orland School then retired from the Evanston, Ill., school system as a librarian and teacher.

Surviving are a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Robert and Emmaline Henn of Huntington; and a nephew and niece-in-law, David A. and Diane Henn of Huntington.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charles; her parents; one sister, Joanne Henn; one brother, Allen Secrist; and a nephew, Robert A. Henn.

There will be no visitation or formal services. A graveside service will be held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at 2 p.m. at the Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

The family requests memorials be made to the Rob Henn Memorial Fund. Envelopes will be available at the cemetery or may be mailed to Brazzell Funeral Home, 771 Trailridge Road, Albion, IN 46701.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book, go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com

Arrangements have been entrusted to the Brazzell Funeral Homes, Albion Chapel.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 7, 2011, Monday

Carol Musser

WATERLOO — Carol Dale Musser, 64, of Waterloo died Saturday, March 5, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital in Fort Wayne, surrounded by her family, after a short illness.

Mrs. Musser

She was born Jan. 28, 1947, in Auburn, to the late Rupert Dale and Vellamae (Webb) Harris.

Carol was a 1965 graduate of Auburn High School.

Mrs. Musser worked as a receptionist for Cooper Standard Automotive in Auburn, retiring in 2006.

She was a member of the St. Michael's Catholic Church in Waterloo. She was also a charter member of the Psi Iota Xi Sorority in Auburn, the Rolling Pin Home Extension Club in Waterloo, volunteered at the Indian Village Food Bank in Auburn, and was very active with IOPO (Indiana Organ Procurement Organization).

Carol loved her friends and family, but her true passion was her grandchildren.

She married Timothy Z. Musser on Dec. 30, 1972, in Auburn. He survives in Waterloo.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Emily Prosser of Auburn, and Sarah and Michael Payne of Auburn; five grandchildren, Haley Prosser, Reece Prosser, Brady Prosser, Charlie Payne, and Tucker Payne; a brother and sister-in-law, Harve and Marilee Harris of Auburn; three brothers-in-law, James B. Mason of Auburn, Gayle Musser, and his wife Jenny, of Evans, Georgia, and David A. Musser of Hudson; and three sisters-in-law, Leah Musser of Arlington, Texas, Nancy Tompkins of Ft. Wayne; and Susan Harden, and her husband Colel, of Ashley; and several nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews.

She was also preceded in death by a sister, M. Mellody Mason.

A Mass of Christian burial will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Michael's Catholic Church, 1098 C.R. 39, Waterloo, with visitation from 10-11 a.m. Wednesday prior to mass at the church. Father David Carkenord will be officiating. Burial will take place in Immaculate Conception Catholic Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will also be from 2-8 p.m. Tuesday, with a Psi Iota Xi memorial service taking place at 8 p.m. and the reciting of the rosary service immediately following, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to IOPO (Indiana Organ Procurement Organization) or the Indian Village Food Bank in Auburn.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 8, 2011, Tuesday

Dora Giggy

HOWE — Dora H. Giggy, 104, a former Howe, Ind., resident, died Saturday, March 5, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange, Ind.

She was born on September 16, 1906, in Arthur, Ill., to Seth and Susanna (Miller) Hershberger. They preceded her in death.

She moved to Shipshewana in 1908 with her family. She graduated in 1925 from Shipshewana High School and later attended Manchester College and Goshen College, class of 1931.

Dora taught school in numerous places over the years. She began her teaching career in 1933 at the Farver one-room school in the Shipshewana area and then at Naylor and Yoder Corner schools in Newberry Township.

From 1938 to 1941 she taught in Stroh and then at Ligonier from 1941 to 1948.

On August 14, 1948, she married F.C. Giggy in Howe, Ind. He preceded her in death in December 1956.

She taught until retirement at the Lima School in Howe from 1951 to 1972.

Mrs. Giggy was a member of the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in LaGrange. She taught vacation Bible school and did numerous other duties around the church.

In the past, Mrs. Giggy served on the boards of several organizations: The LaGrange County Red Cross, LaGrange County Mental Health Association, serving as secretary for 14 years, Council On Aging, delivered meals-on-wheels, LaGrange Hospital Grey Lady Volunteer, under the Red Cross project, for 21 years.

She was also active in Bay View Literary and LaGrange County Book Clubs.

She was the Corn School Citizen of the Year in 1978 and Council On Aging Queen in 1989. She was a member of the LaGrange County Retired Teachers Association, Indiana Retired Teachers, AARP and LaGrange County College Club and Ruth Circle of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Giggy also was an avid bird watcher, enjoyed reading and crocheting lap robes for people in the nursing home.

A sister, Anna Miller and a brother, Thomas Hershberger, also preceded her in death.

Several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews survive her.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, 797 N. Detroit St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Sandra Hutchens and the Rev. Thomas McShannock officiating.

Burial will take place in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange.

Visitation will take place at the church from 1 p.m. until service time.

Memorials may be contributed to the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Camp Lutherwald or the Lima-Brighton School Library.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange, Ind., is handling arrangements.

Online condolences may be submitted at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Mary Kline

SOUTH MILFORD — Mary B. (Wirick) Kline, 89, of South Milford died on Saturday, March 5, 2011, at 4:06 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St.

Calling will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

A full obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

THE NEWS SUN
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Franklin Crabill

COLDWATER, Mich. — Franklin D. Crabill, 77, of Fremont, Ind., died Saturday, March 5, 2011, at his residence after a brief fight with Parkinson's disease.

Mr. Crabill

Mr. Crabill was a member of Teamsters Local 414. He retired from Consolidated Freightways in Fremont, Ind.

He served in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 to 1956.

Mr. Crabill was a member of the Colon Masonic Chapter 81 RAM, Orland American Legion, AARP, UCT, Mizpah Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of Fort Wayne, Ind., Steuben Antique Power Club, former member of the Kinderhook Iveleaf Eastern Star, life member Kinderhook Greenleaf Lodge 349 F&AM, and a member of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite of Fort Wayne.

He was born Aug. 27, 1933, in Branch County, Mich., to Alpha "Ralph" and Ruth Naomi (Cahow) Crabill. He married Vondalee Irene McRobert on Dec. 23, 1956, and she died June 21, 1965. He then married Carolyn Marie Foster on Oct. 22, 1965, in Angola, Ind. She survives.

Also surviving are two sons, Robert "Bruce" (Jane) Wolford of Maybee, Mich., and Thomas Wolford of Livonia, Mich., three daughters, Diane Crabill of Bronson, Mich., Vicki (David) Buck of St. Joseph, Mich., and Annette (John) Lewand of Bolingbrook, Ill; nine grandchildren; two great-gandchildren, Mitchell Furr and Baya Moor; a sister-in-law, Shirley Crabill; and a brother-in-law, Bobby Foster.

He was also preceded in death by three brothers, Ralph "Junior" Crabill, Grover Crabill and Lemual Crabill; and a sister, Junita Mowrey.

Services will be at 10 a.m. Thursday at Gillespie Funeral Home in Coldwater, with Pastor Bill Wilson officiating.

Burial will be at the Oak Grove Cemetery in Coldwater.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home. A Masonic service will be held 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home with Kinderhook Greenleaf Lodge 349 officiating.

Memorials may be made to National Parkinson Foundation or Steuben County Humane Society.

Visit www.gillespiefh.com to leave a message or condolences to the family.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 9, 2011, Wednesday

Wayne Malone

SHIPSHEWANA — Wayne H. Malone, 86, of Shipshewana died Monday, March 7, 2011. at Life Care Center of LaGrange.

Mr. Malone

A lifetime LaGrange County resident, he was a farmer and a United States Air Force Veteran.

He was born Sept. 6, 1924, in LaGrange County to William and Dessie (Synder) Malone. He married Frances B. (Shipe) Holcomb on Sept. 6, 1980, in Fort Wayne. She survives in Shipshewana.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Debra and Mark Pontecorvo of Angola; two sons and daughters-in-law, Barry and Ellen Holcomb of Tampa, Fla., and Bob and Rosemary Holcomb of Tulsa, Okla.; seven grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and a brother and sister-in-law, Martin and Norma Malone of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and three sisters, Hazel Campbell, Anna Lohse and Virginia Hart.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Carldean Merrifield officiating.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to either the American Cancer Society or Shipshewana Volunteer Fire Department.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Robert Witcomb

BRONSON, Mich. — Robert D. Whitcomb, 78, of Bronson, died Sunday, March 6, 2011, at Tendercare of Marshall.

Mr. Whitcomb received his teaching degree from Olivet College and his master's degree from Ball State University.

He began teaching in 1957 at Bronson High School and had also coached boys basketball and football.

Robert left the area for three years to teach at Clarinda Community College in southwest Iowa where he acted as the head basketball coach. He came back to teach in Bronson, eventually retiring in 1987.

Mr. Whitcomb enjoyed farming and loved to watch all sports. He was a devout fan of U of M and all the Detroit sports teams.

A service will be held on Saturday, March 12, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Dutcher-Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson with Pastor Terry Siler of the First Congregational Church officiating. Interment will follow at Knauss Cemetery in Kinderhook Township. Visitation will be held on Friday, March 11, 2011, from 4-8 p.m. at Dutcher-Kolcz Funeral Home in Bronson.

Robert was born June 13, 1932, in Gilead Township, Michigan, to Samuel and Lula (Loggins) Whitcomb. He married Norma R. Strite on June 20, 1959, in Illinois. She preceded him in death on May 25, 2007.

Robert is survived by his son, Kyle (Debbie) Whitcomb of Xenia, Ohio; his daughter, Kris (Mark) Skinner of Battle Creek; his brother, Tom Whitcomb of Greenville, S.C.; his sister, Nina Fulton of Fremont, Ind.; and his grandchildren, Erica, Jeffrey and Kelly.

In addition to his wife, Norma, Robert was preceded in death by his parents, and his sister, Auralee Mestdagh.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bronson Food Pantry.

Send online condolences to www.dutcherfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Robert K. Vaughn

SHIPSHEWANA — Robert K. Vaughn, 75, of Shipshewana, Ind., died Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Vaughn

Mr. Vaughn was born on October 1, 1935 in Fort Wayne, Ind., to Rodney and Rosalie (Carlson) Vaughn.

In 1953, he graduated from Kendallville High School.

He worked at Joslyn Steel in Fort Wayne from 1963 until 1978.

In 1979, he moved from Avilla, Ind., to Shipshewana. He then managed Midwest Salvage in Shipshewana from 1978 until his retirement in 1998.

He attended LaGrange First United Methodist Church and enjoyed spending time with his grandkids, woodworking, and playing cards.

On July 13, 1984, in LaGrange, Ind., he married June Grogg. Mrs. Vaughn survives in Shipshewana, Ind.

Also surviving are a daughter, Lori Vaughn of Kansas City, Kan.; a son and daughter-in-law, Rodney and Stacey Vaughn of Toledo, Ohio; a stepdaughter, Debra Griffith of Howe, Ind.; a stepson and daughter-in-law, Jeffrey and Jo Ann Meade of San Antonio, Texas; 15 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two brothers and three sisters-in-law, Ronald and Pat Vaughn of Wolcottville, Ind., Randy and Linda Vaughn of Avilla, Ind., and Sherry Vaughn of Shipshewana, Ind.; and many nieces and nephews.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a daughter, Julie Vaughn in 1988; and three brothers, Rodney, Richard and Rex Vaughn.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, March 11, 2011, at 10 a.m. at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, Ind., with the Rev. Chris Danielson officiating.

Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery in LaGrange, Ind.

Visitation will be on Thursday, March 10, 2011, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials may be made to LaGrange First United Methodist Church.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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March 9, 2011, Wednesday

Clara Marie Hanes, 99

Clara Marie Hanes, age 99, of Kendallville, died on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Hanes was born in Avilla, Indiana on August 17, 1911 to the late Albert Diehm and Emma (Wolf) Diehm.

She married LeRoy Harmon Hanes on September 16, 1933 in Avilla. He preceded her death in March 1979.

Clara was a homemaker and she was also employed for several years at the old Lutheran Home in Kendallville where she was in charge of the dietary department.

She was a life-long member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla where she was active in in the past with the Ladies Aid. She was also a member of the RSVP club in Kendallville.

Clara enjoyed flower gardening and baking. She lived at the Lamplighter in Kendallville for many years where she participated in weekly Bible study and helped with making bears for children.

While living at the Lutheran Life Villages she was involved in the choir group.

Clara was an avid Chicago Cubs fan and she enjoyed playing bingo and euchre.

Survivors include sons, Robert and Beverly Hanes of Kendallville, John Hanes of Auburn, Lauren and Karen Hanes of Kendallville, Duane and Tove Hanes of Kendallville; daughter, Joann Wallace of Rantoul, Illinois; ten grandchildren, Cathy Aumsbaugh of Kendallville, Jamie March of Kendallville, Michael Wallace of Mahomet, Illinois, Douglas Hanes of Kendallville, Charles Hanes of Auburn, Christine Sutton of Auburn, Andrea Wallace of Champaigne, Illinois, Jim Hanes of Cary, Illinois, and Debbie Hanes of Marina del Ray, California; 16 great-grandchildren; and three great-great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by three brothers, Norman, Eldon, and Freeman Diehm; and a sister, Berniece Graham.

Funeral services were Saturday, March 5, 2011 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Avilla.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Thomas A. Dunbar.

Burial was at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Ladies Aid of Immanuel Lutheran Church or charity of choice.

Casketbearers were all of her grandchildren.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
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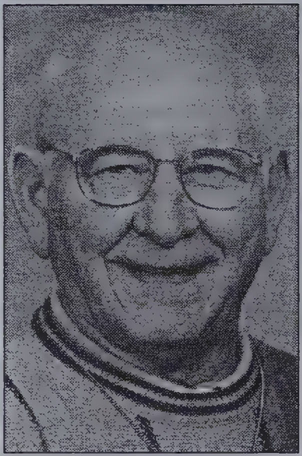
Jack Lindy Kurtz, 80



Jack Lindy Kurtz, age 80, of Albion and Avilla, passed away with his family around his bedside, on Sunday, March 6, 2011 at Provena Sacred Heart Home, Avilla .

Mr. Kurtz was born in South Bend, Indiana on April 18, 1930 to the late Doris Copert Kurtz and Gertrude Catherine (Parker) Kurtz.

He honorably served his country in both the United States Army at the end of WWII and in the Navy during the Korean War.

When he returned from the war, he married Donna Lee Pfafman on January 9, 1955 at the Evangelical United Brethren Church in Brimfield.

Jack was employed with General Telephone for 13 years and retired from Noble County R.E.M.C. after 20+ years of service. He was also a licensed auctioneer and owned and operated Jack L. Kurtz Auctioneer for 30 + years.

Jack was a life member of the Francis Vinyard, V.F.W. Post #2749 in Kendallville.

He was past chaplain of the post and faithful member of the funeral honor guard team for many years.

Jack was also a life member of the American Legion Post #240 in Rome City.

He was also a member of the Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church near Kendallville and served as past president of the church council.

Jack was a Notre Dame fan and an avid golfer. He also enjoyed hunting.

He also was a scuba diver. Along with Bob Coil, he originated the Noble County Rescue Dive Team.

He also began the Indiana Diving Council and was a member of the Fort Wayne Diving Club.

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Survivors include his wife, Donna Lee Kurtz of Avilla; daughters, Sherri and Paul DeLong of Avilla, and Paula and John Bherns of Skinner Lake, Albion, Indiana; son, Michael and Willodean Kurtz of Rome City; nine grandchildren: Chad and Stacey DeLong of Ligonier, Kari and Tadd Shively of Churubusco, Jennifer DeLong of Churubusco, Lindy and Josh Munson of Avilla, Cori and Bryce Zolman of Fort Wayne, Darcy and Bobby Fish of Albion, Kim and Larry Doyle of Gibsonia, Pennsylvania, Erik and Mandy Bherns of Hicksville, Ohio, and Cody Kurtz of Rome City; 20 great-grandchildren; brothers, Earl Lynn Kurtz of Gig Harbor, Washington, and Terry Lee and Marilyn Kurtz of Royer Lake, LaGrange; sister, Sharon Kay and Larry Hammel of Kendallville; brother-in-law, Walt Ziebell of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by a grandson, Steven DeLong in 1989; his sisters, Sue Ann Ziebell, Norma Rose Boszor and Margaret June Newman; and a sister-in-law, Shirley Kurtz.

Funeral services were Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at St. Marks Lutheran Church in Albion.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Phyllis Smoot.

Burial was at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery near Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to Mt. Pleasant Lutheran Church or Provena Sacred Heart Home, Alzheimer's Unit.

Casketbearers were Cody Kurtz, Chad DeLong, Bryce Zolman, Josh Munson, Bobby Fish, Tadd Shively, Tom Kelham, and Dean Reeve.

Honorary casketbearers were Larry Doyle, IV and Erik Bherns and his 13 great-grandsons.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Ray C. Shroyer
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Marge Heckman
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Together again in
God's loving care.
Always in my heart
Wife/Mom

ALBION NEW ERA
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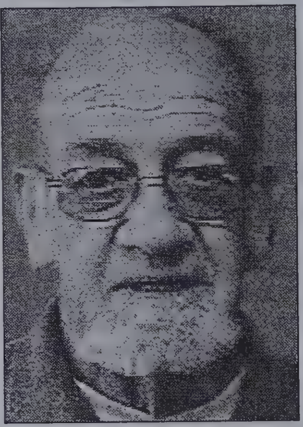
James W. Tomlinson, Sr., 75



James W. Tomlinson, Sr. age 75, of Fort Wayne, IN passed away at 8:45 a.m. March 3, 2011, at North Ridge Village Nursing Home, Albion, IN.

Born December 2, 1935 in Allen County, IN, he was the son of Wesley and Amy (Helmes) Tomlinson.

Graduating from Jefferson Center High School with the Class of 1956, he served in the United States Army from 1959 to 1967. On March 2, 1974 he married Ellen Barbara (Genda) Herendeen. He worked at Nisson Infinity, Fort Wayne, as a delivery person. His memberships included American Legion Post #330, New Haven, Gold Wing Road Riders Association and the Fort Wayne Bowling Association.

Survivors include his daughters, Debra (Randy) Dellinger of Columbia City and Shelley (Mark) Mawhorter of Albion; son, Robert Tomlinson of Kendallville; sister, Celia Miller of Fort Wayne; step-sons, Walter (Fran) Herendeen of Angola and John Herendeen of Kendallville; 11 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and two step-grandchildren. In addition to his parents and wife, Ellen G. Tomlinson, he was preceded in death by a son, Bill Tomlinson; sister, Amy Jane Suter; and brothers, Edward, John, Wesley & Denzil Tomlinson.

There was a private family burial at the Catholic Cemetery, Fort Wayne, with the Whitley County Korean War Veterans Honor Guard presenting graveside military honors. Memorial gifts may be given in memory of Mr. Tomlinson to a memorial fund with checks payable to DeMoney-Grimes Funeral Home.

Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Please visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register book.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 9, 2011, Wednesday

Pauline McGuire, 90

Pauline McGuire, 90, a resident of rural Churubusco and wife of Carl McGuire, passed away at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at the family residence in Smith Township following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. McGuire was born in Churubusco on May 9, 1920, a daughter of Charles and Alice (Wappes) Weidman, and spent all of her life in this area.

On May 8, 1943 she was married in Churubusco to Carl McGuire. The couple lived in Green Township in Noble County for a period, and have lived at their present farm home in Smith Township since 1949.

A homemaker, she also assisted her husband on the family farm. In her leisure time she enjoyed her yard and flowers, and most especially loved and cherished her family.

The surviving relatives include her husband Carl, to whom she was married for over 67 years; her daughter Patricia McGuire of Churubusco; a daughter-in-law Judy McGuire of Churubusco; a grandson Stacy (Krista) Holzinger of Churubusco; and two great-grandsons Jacob Holzinger and Logan Holzinger.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a son, Jerry L. McGuire on January 16, 2011; a grandson, Chad McGuire on January 27, 2008; and a brother, Archie Weidman.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 5, 2011, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Pastor Rick Van Horn, officiating.

Interment was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Parkview Home Health & Hospice, 2270 Lake Avenue, suite 200, Fort Wayne, IN 46805; or the Alzheimer's Association, 6324 Constitution Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46804.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. McGuire's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
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March 9, 2011, Wednesday

Justin Gamblin, 22

Justin Gamblin, age 22, of Lafayette, formerly of Ligonier, passed away unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at 6:30 AM as the result of a house fire in Lafayette.

Justin was born on September 29, 1988 in Goshen, IN. He was a lifetime area resident and a 2007 graduate of West Noble High School. Justin was a fulltime student at Purdue University and had also attended Ivy Tech. He was an avid basketball fan and loved to play the game.

Surviving are his parents, William and Misty (Fisher) Utterback of Ligonier; his mother, Melissa Gamblin of Ligonier; two brothers, Zachary Gamblin and Ethen Utterback of Ligonier; one sister, Krystal Utterback of Ligonier; his loving grandparents and a large extended family. He was preceded in death by his father, Jeff Gamblin; and a brother, Scott Gamblin.

A funeral service was held in Justin's honor on Sunday, March 6, 2010 at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier with Celebrant Larry Baker officiating. An additional funeral service was held at Jackson Funeral Chapel, 200 Third St. SW, DeMotte, IN on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 with Pastor David Snyder officiating. Burial was in Cemetery of the Resurrection in DeMotte, IN.

Memorial contributions are to the family.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 9, 2011, Wednesday

Donabelle Secrist Duesler, 88

Donabelle Secrist Duesler, 88, of Huntington and formerly of Cromwell and Ligonier, died on Friday, March 4, 2011 at the Heritage of Huntington.

Mrs. Duesler was born on November 5, 1922 in Cromwell, Indiana to the late Dane D. and Myrtel (Moore) Secrist. In September of 1993 she married Charles Duesler who passed away in 2000.

Mrs. Duesler was a 1940 graduate of the Cromwell High School and graduated from the Indiana University with a degree in Education, then went on to the Case Western Reserve Univeristy to obtain her Masters Degree as a Librarian. She taught at the Orland School then retired from the Evanston, Ill. school system as a Librarian and Teacher.

Surviving are a brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Robert and Emmaline Henn of Huntington; and a nephew and niece-in-law, David A. and Diane Henn, Huntington.

She was preceded in death by her husband Charles; her parents; a sister, Joanne Henn; a brother, Allen Secrist; and a nephew, Robert A. Henn.

There will be no visitation or formal services. A graveside service was held on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at the Oak Park Cemetery in Ligonier.

The family requests memorials be made to the Rob Henn Memorial Fund. Envelopes are available at the cemetery or may be mailed to Brazzell Funeral Home, 771 Trailridge Road, Albion, Indiana 46701.

To view the obituary online or to sign the online guest register book go to www.brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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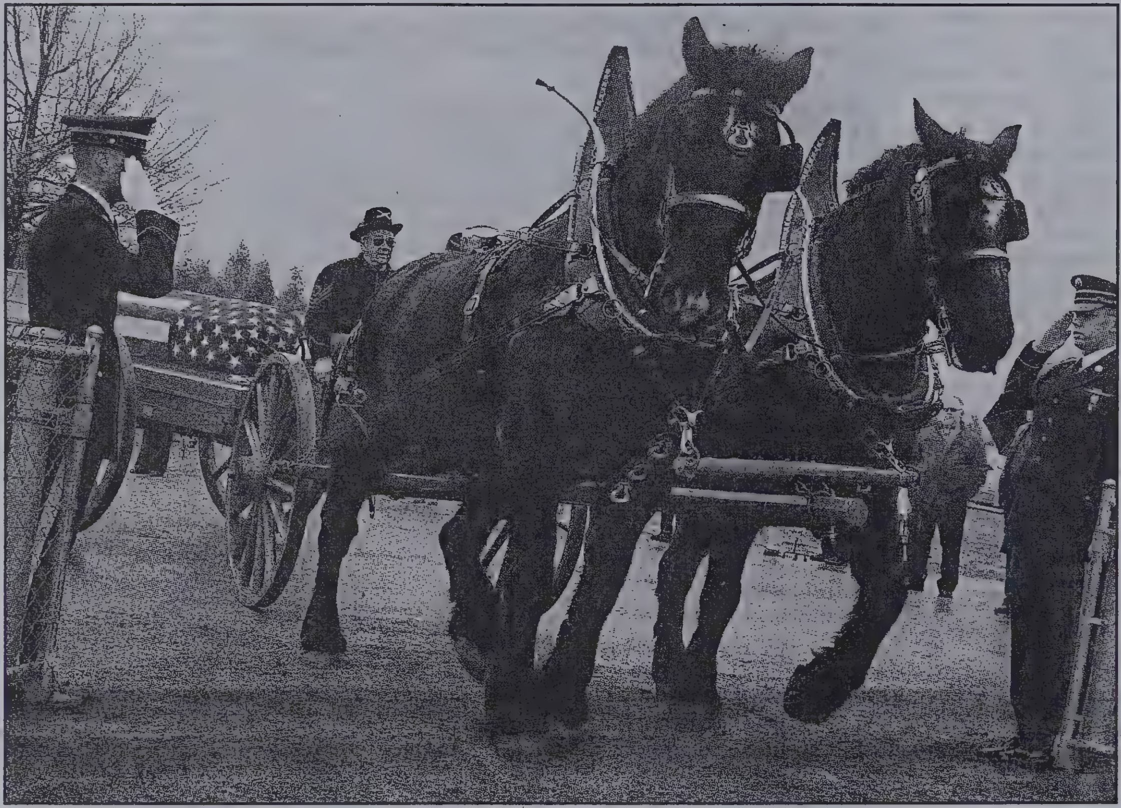
Final Journey



CHAD KLINE

Final journey

Army National Guard troops Pfc. Nicholas Russell of Fort Wayne, left, and Pfc. Matthew Brown of Columbia City, right, salute the casket of Jack Kurtz, who served his country in both the U.S. Army at the end of World War II and in the Navy during the Korean War. Kurtz was escorted by Jack Gaby, second from left, and Bill Knott to his resting place in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery near Kendallville.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 10, 2011, Thursday

Roger Vaughn

STURGIS, Mich. — Roger Duane Vaughn, age 58, of Sturgis, Michigan, went to be with his Lord and Savior Tuesday evening March 8, 2011, at his home with his family at his side

Mr. Vaughn

He was born October 20, 1952, in Angola, Indiana, a son of the late Clifford and Veda Irene (Gangwer) Vaughn.

Roger had resided in Sturgis since 1971 coming from Angola, Indiana. On September 19, 1981, he married Susan Mann at the Sturgis Bible Chapel in Sturgis.

He was a talented welder by trade and had last worked at Vanguard Industries in Colon. For many years he had worked in the fast food industry and had held manager positions at Burger King and Wendy's, both in Sturgis.

Roger is a member of the Community Bible Church in Sturgis and had attended the Sturgis Bible Chapel for many years.

He enjoyed model railroading, fishing, hunting, computers and most anything dealing with electronics.

He is survived by his loving and dedicated wife Susan; one daughter, Shalyn Vaughn of Sturgis; two sons, Nicholas Vaughn and KJ Vaughn, both of Sturgis; one brother, David (Kathy) Vaughn of Augusta; four sisters, Norma Long of Butler, Indiana, Wilma (Dean) Wathen of Athens, Sharon (Marvin) Weirich of Fort Wayne, Indiana, and Marlene Keeslar of Angola, Indiana; close special friends, Judy and Jack Tracy of Brentwood, Tennessee and Gerry, Laury Simms of St. Mary's, Georgia, and Sherissa Smoker of Sturgis; and many nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Frank Vaughn and Clifford Vaughn; and two infant sisters.

The family will receive friends from 6-8 p.m. today, Thursday, and 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at the Hackman Family Funeral Homes, Hackman Chapel, 114 S. Nottawa St., Sturgis.

Funeral services celebrating the life of Roger Vaughn will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the Community Bible Church, 223 N. Maple St., Sturgis. Pastor Steve Wisler will officiate.

A graveside committal will follow the service at the Burr Oak Cemetery in Burr Oak.

Memorial donations to the family in care of Susan Vaughn, 421 N. Lakeview Ave., Sturgis, MI 49091 or the Guest Assistance Program, Department of Social Work, University Hospital 2B203, 1500 E. Medical Center Drive, SPC 5718, Ann Arbor, MI 48109 for the purchase of a washer and dryer.

The obituary is also at www.hackmanfamilyfuneralhome.com where personal massages of support may be left for the family.

Helen Mearse

HAMILTON — Helen I. Mearse, 87, of Hamilton died Monday, March 7, 2011, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mrs. Mearse was employed as a shipping clerk at Devilbiss in Angola for 10 years until her retirement.

She was born Jan. 27, 1924, in Woodburn to Harley and Blanche (Dollarhite) Thompson. She married Billie A. Mearse on July 7, 1951, in Woodburn. He preceded her in death on March 1, 2008.

Survivors include two sons, Orin "Odie" Mearse of Edon, Ohio, and Paul Mearse of Angola; seven grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; one brother, Howard Thompson of Woodburn; and a daughter-in-law, Patty Thompson, of Evansville.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two sons, Jay Roger Thompson and Gene C. Mearse; a brother, Robert Thompson; a sister, Elanor Cotner; and one great-granddaughter, Jennifer Mearse.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday in the Krill Funeral Home in Edon, Ohio.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday in the funeral home, with the Rev. Sam Weimer and the Rev. Marvin Mason officiating. Interment will follow in St. Joseph Cemetery near Blakeslee, Ohio.

Memorials are to the family.

To sign the online register or to send condolences, visit www.krillfuneralservice.com.

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Mary Kline

SOUTH MILFORD — Mary B. (Wirick) Kline, 89, of South Milford died on March 5, 2011 at 4:06 p.m. in Parkview Noble Hospital, Kendallville.

Mrs. Kline

Mrs. Kline was a lifetime area resident of Noble and LaGrange counties.

She was a homemaker.

Mrs. Kline enjoyed baking, sewing, camping, and being with her family.

She was born January 1, 1922, in Noble County, Indiana, to Thomas and Lera Edna (Heltzel) Wirick. On February 2, 1942, she married Carl E. "Lew" Kline. He preceded her in death in 1994.

Surviving are two sons and daughters-in-law, Larry D. and Marianne Kline of Fort Collins, Colorado, and Gregory L. and Linda Kline of Chico, California; eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, Thomas Kline; a granddaughter, Shannon Kline; three sisters, Helen Kief, Ruby Shaffer and Ruth Reinoehl; and five brothers, Raymond, Walter, Robert, Alvin and Melvin Wirick.

Funeral services will be Saturday, March 12, 2011, at 11 a.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville with Pastor Barbara Cross of the South Milford Methodist Church and Mike Owsley officiating.

Calling is Friday, March 11, 2011, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Noble County Cancer Society.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

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Judy Maurer

AUBURN — Judy E. Maurer, 66, of Auburn died Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at Select Specialty Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born July 12, 1944, in Jonesville, Va., the daughter of the late Charlie and Ruby Allen.

She had retired from Ball Brass after 28 years of service.

Surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Cheryl and Danny York of Jonesville, Va., and Carmen Moore of Auburn; a sister and brother-in-law, Nell and Roger Taylor of Auburn; brothers and sister-in-law, Kenneth Allen of Auburn and Don and Janet Allen of London, Ky.; a granddaughter, Grace; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Carl Collins.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, with visitation from 2-4 p.m., at Pinnington-McComb Funeral & Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery at Auburn.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

To sign the online guest book, visit www.pinningtonmccomb.com.

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Dale Martin

Mr. Martin

LAGRANGE — Dale R. Martin, 81, of LaGrange died Saturday, March 5, 2011, at Blake Medical Center in Bradenton, Fla.

Mr. Martin moved from Steuben County to LaGrange County in 1982.

He was a retired electrical engineer and had worked at NASA and many other places.

Mr. Martin was a U.S. Navy veteran of the Korean War.

He was a member of LaGrange First Church of God and NRA.

He was born March 30, 1929, in Denver, Colo., to Emmet W. and Ruby N. (Cummings) Martin. He married Silva J. Rigsby on June 14, 1982. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are two daughters and a son-in-law, Paula Martin of Gaines, Pa., and Ruth and Dan Matthews of Auburn; three sons and a daughter-in-law, Robert E. Martin of Cincinnati, Ohio, Ted and Uko Martin of Aurora, Colo., and David T. Martin of Los Angeles, Calif.; four stepdaughters and their spouses, Sondra and Jim Jones of Ashley, Pam and Ray Conley of Hudson, Lisa Hall of LaGrange,and Jackie and Randy Griffin of Indianapolis a step-son and his wife, Brent and Julie Hall of Ashley; 29 grandchildren; and 20 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Atha Lavlett.

Funeral services will be at 5 p.m. Saturday at the LaGrange First Church of God, 777 N. Detroit St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Brian VanOsdol officiating.

Burial will be at Woodruff Cemetery in rural Wolcottville at a later date.

Visitation will from 2-5 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Memorials are to LaGrange First Church of God.

Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

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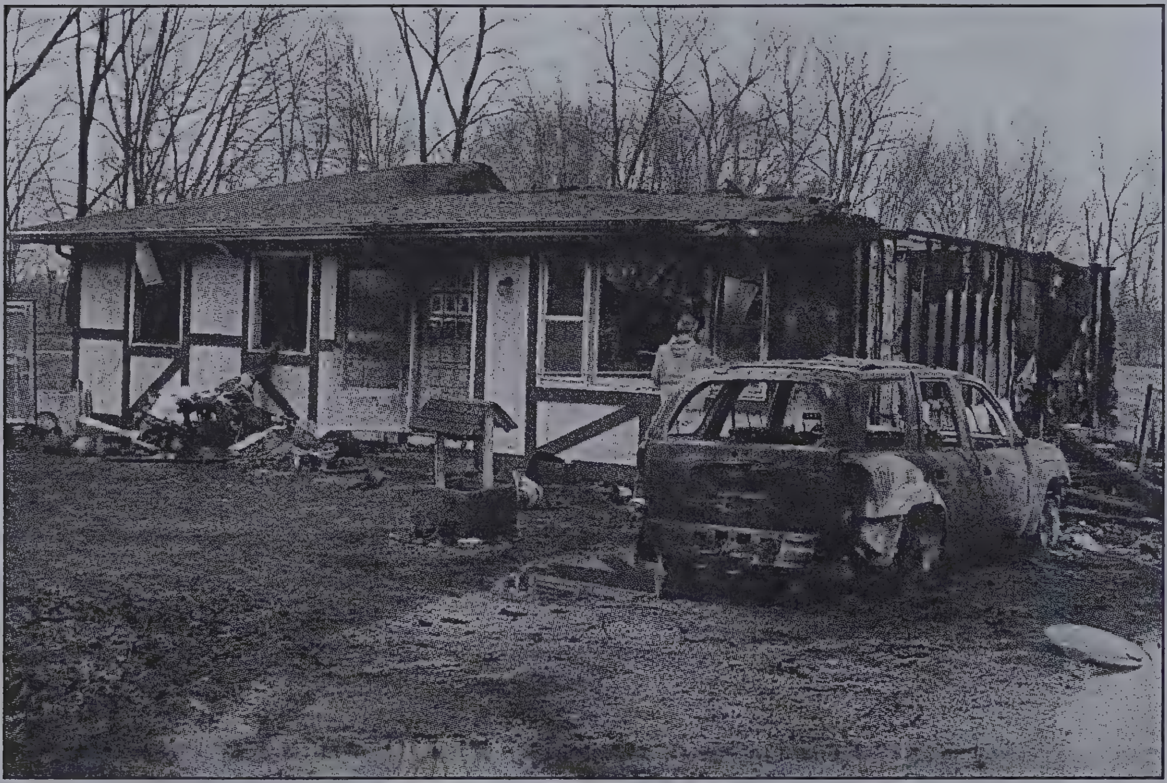
Father, Son Killed



SUE CARPENTER

A cleanup crew begins work Thursday morning at the scene of a house fire where a father and son died Wednesday night on C.R. 52 west of Garrett.

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Two die in Garrett house fire

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GARRETT — A house fire claimed the lives of two people Wednesday night in western DeKalb County.

Joshua Crain

John Crain, 65, and his son, Joshua Crain, 29, died in the blaze, according to DeKalb County Coroner Jeff Warner. An autopsy revealed that both men died from inhaling smoke and carbon monoxide, the coroner said.

At 9:46 p.m. Wednesday, firefighters were called to a one-story, wood-frame home owned by John and Joyce Crain at 0316 C.R. 52, said a news release from the Garrett Fire Department. The home is nearly two miles west of Garrett.

Firefighters arrived at 9:54 p.m. to find heavy fire in an attached garage, with more fire extending into the residence, said Garrett Fire Chief Dana Treesh.

The department was advised en route that one or two people might still be inside the house, Treesh said. His lead truck driver saw a glow from the fire at a distance and called for mutual aid.

The first firefighting crew found John Crain inside and brought him out of the burning home, Treesh said. Emergency personnel performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation for several minutes, but their efforts failed to revive him, Treesh added.

Firefighters were unable to go back inside the house after part of the roof collapsed, Treesh said. Later, seven or eight firefighters carried out the body of a Joshua Crain, who was found in a hallway, making rescue difficult.

Joyce Crain reportedly was working in a computer room in the home when electrical power went off, Treesh said. She walked down the hallway and saw a flash. She and her husband went outside and found the garage on fire.

John Crain returned inside to see if he could fight the fire and get their son outside to safety, while Joyce Crain ran to the neighbors' house to call 911, Treesh said. Joyce Crain did not sustain any injuries from the fire.

An electrical service line into the home broke loose and began arcing, which hindered firefighting efforts for about 10 minutes until a utility crew arrived to cut off the power at the pole, Treesh said.

"The (structure) deteriorated so quickly, we could not go back inside — we went on defensive

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FIRE: *Blaze caused by electrical short in crawlspace under house*

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mode," Treesh said. He reported the fire to be under control within 20 minutes of firefighters arriving.

Treesh described the home and two vehicles parked outside the garage as total losses. The news release estimated total damage at $120,000. Firefighters reported heavy fire damage to the garage and attic, and heavy smoke and water damage to the entire structure.

The fire was caused by an electrical short in a crawlspace below the house that burned through the floor joists, according to Treesh. The Indiana State Fire Marshal's Office is investigating.

Firefighters remained on the scene until 3:28 a.m. Thursday.

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Dian Foster

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Dian L. Foster, 66, passed away Wednesday, March 2, 2011, at her home in Port Charlotte, Fla.

Mrs. Foster

She was born Aug. 31, 1944, in Three Oaks, Mich., to Lee R. and Catherine C. Lewis. They preceded her in death.

She and her husband, Dale C. Foster, moved to Port Charlotte, Fla., in 1995 from Santa Maria, Calif.

Prior to that, she was the office manager of Pine Valley Country Club in Fort Wayne, Ind.

Her husband, Dale, survives along with his four children.

She is also survived by two sisters, Janice (Scott) Lewis of Greencastle, Ind., and Denise (Gregg) Pyle of Kendallville, Ind.; a stepbrother, Roger Bond, and his daughter, Josslyn, of Floyds Knobs, Ind.; her stepmother, Peggy Lewis of Fort Myers Beach, Fla.; two nieces, Kim (Kevin) Sullivan of Greencastle, and Kristi Brucker of Indianapolis; two nephews, Chad Ihrie and Troy (Karrie) Ihrie, both of Kendallville; two great-nieces, Caroline Sullivan and Samantha Ihrie; two great-nephews, Conner Sullivan and Nicholas Ihrie; and an aunt, Geneva Dudeck Slater of Hesston, Ind.

A memorial service will be held at a later date in Hesston.

Jeanne Short

CHURUBUSCO — Jeanne A. Short, 68, of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Burial will be in Riverview Cemetery in Allen County.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association, 6324 Constitution Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46804

Ian Myers

KENDALLVILLE — Ian A. Myers, 24, of Kendallville died Thursday, March 10, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

Arrangements are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

The Family of

Thelma Hickman

wish to thank everyone
for their generous
gifts & support in
our time of grief.

A special thanks to
Albion American Legion
Post 246 for their help
and generosity.

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Ian Myers

KENDALLVILLE — Ian A. Myers, age 24, of Kendallville died on Thursday, March 10, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Mr. Myers

Ian was born in Kendallville on November 25, 1986, to James K. Myers and Karen S. (McNeal) Myers. They survive in Kendallville.

He attended St. John Lutheran School for nine years and then went on to graduate from East Noble High School in 2006. After high school he attended Ball State University in Muncie where he was a member of the Ball State Power Soccer Team.

Ian was an ambassador of the Muscular Dystrophy Association for the state of Indiana. He also enjoyed attending Camp Potawatomi in South Milford for several summers.

Survivors include his parents, James K. and Karen S. Myers of Kendallville; three sisters, Stephenie and Aaron Dwyer of LaOtto, Jamie and Chris Halmagyi of Kendallville and Andrea and Todd Beachy of Kendallville; three nephews, Bailey Dwyer, Jacksyn Myers and Ethan Beachy; three nieces, Morgan Dwyer, Kora Beachy and Mila Halmagyi; his paternal grandparents, Orval J. and Betty J. Myers of Avilla; his maternal grandmother, Marcile Dykes of Fort Wayne; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. His dogs, Bernie and Polly, also survive.

He was preceded in death by his maternal grandfather, John McNeal; and his stepgrandfather, Chester Dykes.

Visitation will be Monday, March 14, 2011, from 4-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service will be the Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

Burial will be at Swan Cemetery in LaOtto, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association of Fort Wayne.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Ian by Monday, March 14, 2011, at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Catherine Green

ANGOLA — Catherine Justina Green, 74, of Angola died Thursday, March 10, 2011, at her home.

A memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola.

Memorials are to St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church in Angola.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Joshua Crain

GARRETT — Joshua Isaiah Crain, 28, of Garrett died at 9:52 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Crain

He was an assembler at Alliance Industries in Garrett.

He was a member of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

He was born Sept. 14, 1982, in Auburn, Ind., to John W. and Joyce (Pfierman) Crain.

He is survived by his mother, Joyce Crain of Garrett, Ind.; a grandmother, Rebekah Pfierman of Garrett, Ind.; a sister, Dawn (Jason) Shull of Garrett; and two nieces.

He was joined in death by his father, John W. Crain; his grandfathers Floyd Pfierman and grandfather James Crain, and his grandmother, Betty Rather.

Visitation will be from 2-7 p.m. Sunday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Services will take place at 7 p.m. Sunday at Thomas Funeral Home with Pastor Brad Hardesty officiating.

Memorials are to Alliance Industries.

You may send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org

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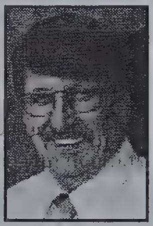
John Crain

GARRETT — John W. Crain, age 65, of Garrett, Ind., died at 10:10 p.m. Wednesday, March 9, 2011, at his home.


Mr. Crain

He was born September 19, 1945, in Angola, Ind., to James Crain and Betty (Lepley) Rather and they preceded him in death. He married Joyce Pfierman on September 6, 1969, in Garrett, Ind., and she survives.

He was a machine operator at Electric Motors and Specialties in Garrett, retiring in 2010.

He was a member of the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren and the Auburn Moose.

He was an avid bowler and loved to golf.

John is survived by his wife, Joyce Crain of Garrett, Ind.; his mother in-law, Rebekah Pfierman of Garrett, Ind.; a daughter, Dawn (Jason) Shull of Garrett, Ind.; and two granddaughters, Kayla and Haylee Shull of Garrett, Ind.

He is also survived by a brother, Phil Crain of California and two sisters, Gloria Rottger of Auburn, Ind., and Diana Parker of North Carolina.

He was joined in death by his son, Joshua I. Crain; his father in-law: Floyd Pfierman; his parents, James Crain and Betty Rather; and a brother, Jimmy Crain

Visitation will be from 2-7 p.m. Sunday, March 13, 2011, at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett, Ind.

Services will take place at 7 p.m. Sunday at Thomas Funeral Home with Pastor Brad Hardesty officiating.

Memorials are to the Cedar Creek Church of the Brethren.

You may send a condolence or sign the online register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org

Herbert Bausch

SUN CITY, Ariz. — Herbert Bausch, 81, died Thursday, March 10, 2011.

He was born Sept. 14, 1929, in Manhattan, N.Y., to David and Mirriam Bausch.

He was a veteran of the U.S. Army.

On July 15, 1982, he married Mary Ellen Manon in St. Paul, Minn.

He is survived by his wife Mary of Sun City, Ariz.; a son and daughter-in-law, Trent and Debbie Bausch of Coconut Creek, Fla.; a son, Michael Bausch of St. Paul, Minn.; and a grandson, Ryan, of Coconut Creek, Fla.; and a brother-in-law and his wife, John and Diane Manon of Auburn.

Cremation has taken place and burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery in Auburn at a later date.

Feller & Clark Funeral Home of Auburn is assisting the family with local arrangements.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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In Memory of

CAROLYN LEIGHTON

March 14, 2010

Gone but not forgotten.
Memories of you will
remain in our thoughts
and in our hearts forever.

Love, Your Family

THE FAMILY OF GRACIE CAUDILL

would like to thank everyone for their sympathy and support at her passing. We would like to extend a special thank you for all prayers and food, Hite Funeral Home for their support and wonderful job they did. To the Hindman Funeral Services for their compassion and work they did. We extend our gratitude and thanks to Philas and Koleen Vanschoyck and family for their hospitality and dinner. We apologize if we missed anyone. It was not intentional. Gracie was a wonderful wife, a loving mother and grandmother. She loved the Lord and sang his praises and prayed for others until the end. Her songs were Amazing Grace and Waiting On My Ride. I believe she is with the Lord now and will be missed by all.

THANK YOU,
THE CAUDILL FAMILY

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March 13, 2011, Sunday

'He was a Clear Lake icon'

BY JENNIFER DECKER
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FREMONT — To those who knew him, Jon Fitzenrider was a Clear Lake icon.

Mr. Fitzenrider, 68, of Clear Lake died Feb. 24 following a battle with esophageal cancer.

He was a retired computer systems engineer, who took delight in his lake home, family, the Ohio State Buckeyes, flying small airplanes, and the outdoors.

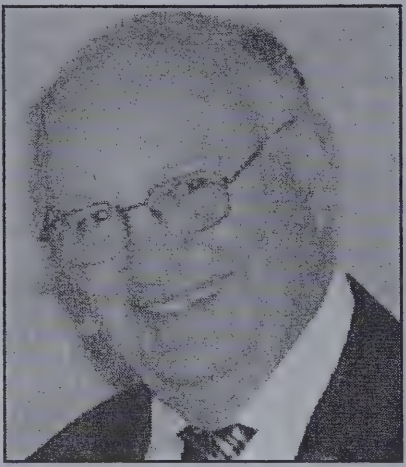
The son of Clarence (deceased) and Annabelle Fitzenrider of Bryan, Ohio, Jon was Mary Jo Fitzenrider's husband and father to Andrew Fitzenrider (Stacey) of Seattle and Amy Fitzenrider (Stephen DeMaio) of Chicago.

"He was a very humble man. He was kind and gentle," Mary Jo said. "There is a hole in my heart. He found out he had esophageal cancer in July and I thought we'd beat it."

Mr. Fitzenrider graduated from Bryan High School in 1960 and attended The Ohio State University, where he was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity, and earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics in 1964. From there, he was hired as a systems engineer building mainframe computers for IBM and remained there throughout his 30-year career.

While in college — Jon attended OSU and Mary Jo attended Miami University — the couple started dating. They knew each other from high school. Jon brought Mary Jo to Clear Lake one weekend and she fell in love with it too and Jon. The couple was married 46 years.

Mr. Fitzenrider loved to fly and held a pilot's license and enjoyed flying small craft airplanes across Ohio and Indiana.



Mr. Fitzenrider

Jon and Mary Jo raised their family in Dublin, Ohio. While there, Mr. Fitzenrider refereed youth soccer and basketball games and followed Ohio State Buckeye football and basketball.

Mary Jo said when her husband was a boy, he spent virtually every weekend at Clear Lake. That extended into adulthood, because during the summers, the Fitzenrider family spent as much time as possible there. In 2003, he and Mary Jo built a new home on the lake and realized their lifelong dream of retiring there. "It was and still is the premiere quality lake," Mary Jo said. "(Around) 1960, was when his father purchased the current lot. They bought the cottage with everything inside it — old wicker furniture and the wood boat called 'Sassy Britches' — for about $10,000."

Mr. Fitzenrider was an active community member at the lake and served as a two-term president of the Clear Lake Association and as a member of the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy. He was also a member of the Clear Lake Lion's Club and the Clear Lake Yacht Club.

"He was involved in the inner workings of the community," Mary Jo said. "He was into environmental causes. He is a Clear Lake icon … He was very robust."

Beyond swimming, skiing, sailing, boating and Mr. Fitzenrider enjoyed all aspects of Clear Lake life. He and his family loved camping and hiking in the national parks and exploring the country. In more recent years, Jon and Mary Jo spent their winters hiking and relaxing in the Phoenix area and snow skiing in the southwestern mountains of Colorado.

Mr. Fitzenrider also survived by two grandchildren, Ava Fitzenrider and Giuliana Grace DeMaio, as well as his mother, Annabelle Fitzenrider, and sister, Sue Compo.

"He loved being with his family. They always came first," Mary Jo said. "As sick as he was, he saw the birth of Giuliana (his infant granddaughter). She took a nap with him at Simon Cancer Center in Indianapolis."

Services were handled by Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to the Clear Lake Township Land Conservancy, 5950 Gecowets Drive, Clear Lake, Fremont, IN 46737 or Cameron Hospital Foundation, 416 E. Maumee St., Angola, IN 46703. Please designate Regional Cancer Center of Angola on the contribution.

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Dorothy Wible

MUNCIE, IND. — Dorothy May Wible, 96, passed away Tuesday, March 1, 2011, in Westminster Village in Muncie.

She was born April 20, 1914, in Noble County, Indiana, the daughter of L. Frank and Jessie (Earle) Willits. Dorothy graduated from Albion High School in 1932, where she was the star player on the girl's basketball team.

Mrs. Wible

In 1936 she married the love of her life, Harold Wible. The two shared their challenges, countless joys and everlasting love in their 55 years of marriage. Together they were wonderful parents, grandparents and role models. They knew the value of friendship, and always had an open seat at their table.

Mrs. Wible was the first female postal clerk in Fort Wayne, and retired from the post office in Kendallville after 21 years of service.

She was a member of Gethsemane United Methodist Church in Muncie and was a woman of strong faith. Mrs. Wible also was a member of 55 Alive. She loved life and even rode a jet ski at the age of 92.

She loved to play cards and watch basketball. Dorothy was passionate about her family and friends, and was a very upbeat and positive person. She leaves behind great friends, both residents and staff at Westminster Village, and in Sterling Village in Boynton Beach, Fla. as well.

Surviving are her five children, Larry Wible (wife-Charlotte), Carmel, Ind.; Marcia Williams (husband-Darl), Stevensville, Mich.; Lyman Wible (wife-Lyn), Middleton, Wisc.; Dennis Wible (wife-Bonnie), Muncie; and Daniel Wible (wife-Suzanne), Doylestown, Penn.; 14 grandchildren; 26 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Wible, and three brothers, Allen, Glenn and Dwight Willits.

A Celebration of Life will be held May 14, 2011 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Gethsemane United Methodist Church, 1201 W. McGalliard Rd., Muncie.

Memorial contributions may be directed to Gethsemane United Methodist Church Building Fund, 1201 W. McGalliard Rd., Muncie IN 47303.

Online condolences may be made to the family at www.meeksmortuary.com.

Denise Conley-Williams

CEDARVILLE, Ind. — Denise Rene' Conley-Williams, 46, died Friday, March 11, 2011 at her home in Cedarville.

She was a homemaker.

She was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene in Fort Wayne and the Navy Club in New Haven.

She was born April 8, 1964, in Fort Wayne, to Glenn Dennis and Marilyn (Foster) Conley.

Mrs. Conley-Williams

Surviving are her mother, Marilyn Conley of Fort Wayne; three sons, Wessley Adams of Fort Wayne, Jonathan Diehl of Hicksville, Ohio, and Zachary Williams of New Haven; a daughter, Jennifer Williams of Fort Wayne; a brother, Rick Conley of Avilla; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Theresa and Christopher Koble of Garrett, and Melissa and Dave Coventry of Fort Wayne; companion, Billy Joe Moore of Leo; and her ex-husband, David Williams of New Haven.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, 2011, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with the Rev. Richard Shively officiating.

The family will receive friends from 1-3 p.m. Wednesday prior to the service.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Marilyn Conley.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Sherry Conley

KENDALLVILLE — Sherry Lynn Conley, age 54, of Kendallville died on Friday, March 11, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville

Sherry was born in Martin, Kentucky, on December 7, 1956, to Monte and Anna Mae (Cox) Conley.

Sherry loved to color and play with her Care Bears. She also loved to sing along with her dad while he played the guitar.

She enjoyed spending drawing with her Magna Doodle and she loved eating out at her favorite restaurants.

Miss Conley

Survivors include her parents, Monte and Anna Conley of Kendallville; a sister, Jennifer and Richard Schoeff of Sellersburg, Indiana; a brother, Robert Conley of Avilla; and a niece and nephew, Catilyn and Wade Schoeff.

Visitation was Saturday at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church, on State Road 3, south of Kendallville.

Funeral services will be today, March 13, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church. Officiating the funeral service will be Pastor Charles Mosley.

Burial will be at Rehobeth Cemetery near Albion.

Preferred memorials may be made to Special Olympics or National Association for Down Syndrome.

Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville is in charge of arrangements.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Sherry at www.hitefuneralhome.com

Duke Cunningham

ANGOLA — Duke (Robert H.) Cunningham, 85, of Angola, died Friday, March 11, 2011 in Angola.

Calling will be Thursday, March 17, 2011 from 2-4 p.m. at Sutton's Deli, 140 N. Public Square, Angola.

There is no service.

Adopt a pet, volunteer or donate to Humane Society, 1700N C.R. 200 West, Angola IN 46703.

Gary Gregory

LEO-CEDARVILLE, Ind. — Gary F. Gregory, 57, died Thursday, March 10, 2011 at Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Calling will be Tuesday, March 15, 2011 from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the Grabill Missionary Church, 13637 State St., Grabill, Ind. A walk through will be held at 7 p.m. by the American Legion and Sons of the Legion.

Services will be Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. at the church with calling one hour prior to services.

Memorials are to the Sherill Gregory family at Carnahan-Baidinger & Walter Funeral Home, P.O. Box 165, Spencerville IN 46788.

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March 14, 2011, Monday

Thomas Solee

ALBION — Thomas F. Solee, owner of the Friendly Inn in Albion, died Sunday, March 13, 2011.

Arrangements are pending at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel.

Joan Bradtmueller

LEESBURG — Joan M. Bradtmueller, 80, of Leesburg died Friday, March 11, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Private family services will be at Owen Family Funeral Home, S.R. 13 and C.R. 500N, North Webster.

Memorials are to American Legion Auxiliary Post 253.

Sharon Mavity

GARRETT — Sharon Mavity, 75 of Garrett, died Saturday, March 12, 2011, at her residence.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery of Garrett. Calling will be Tuesday from 4-8 p.m. and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Thomas Funeral Home.

The family of Curtis Conley wish to thank all the family members, his church family, good friends, co-workers & neighbors for making this time as comfortable as they could.

We would also like to thank his wonderful doctors, Dr. Corbin, Dr. Clark, Dr. Yohanda, Dr. Trentner, Dr. Epstein, also all the radiation & chemo nurses, Lutheran Life Village and Young Family Funeral Home. You were truly God-sent angels for us.

~The family of Curis Conley

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 15, 2011, Tuesday

Ross Ruckel I

ANGOLA — Ross Kendall Ruckel I, 75, of Angola died Sunday, March 13, 2011, at Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Ruckel

Mr. Ruckel was vice president of Rowland Associates Inc. in Angola.

He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Angola and served as an usher there.

He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge 236, a 32nd Degree Mason of Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, a Royal Jester of Mizpah Shrine, a member of the Pokagon Shrine Club and of the Angola Moose Lodge 1568.

Mr. Ruckel had been named a Kentucky Colonel and a Tennessee Squire.

Ross loved his family and friends. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed gardening.

He was a very generous person and was known by all his friends as "Pa Ruckel." Kentucky was, and will always, be in his heart.

Ross was born August 5, 1935, in Vanceburg, Ky., to Peter and Wynonna (Hatcher) Ruckel. They preceded him in death.

Surviving are two sons, Jay Todd (Pamela) Ruckel of Las Vegas, Nev., and Ross Kendall Ruckel II of Angola; three daughters, Melody G. (Neil) Bailey of Chesterfield, Mo., Laura R. Ruckel of Lake Charles, La., and Kelle René (Jeff) Sproat of Goodyear, Ariz.; a sister, Patricia DuBose of Jasper, Texas; nine grandchildren, Heather Anne-Marie Hunt, Joshua Ross Ruckel, Ryan Todd Ruckel, Joseph Kendall Ruckel, Hayden Thomas Ruckel, Clara Ruckel, Logan Kendall Foster, Lane Jillian-Paige Foster and Peyton Jeffery Sproat; and six great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his wife, Patricia Anne Ruckel McClave; two brothers, Pete Ruckel Jr. and Bruce Ruckel; and a sister, Bernice Schumacher.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the Weicht Funeral Home in Angola.

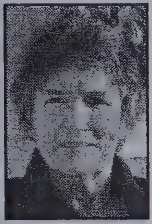
Funeral services will be at noon Thursday at the funeral home with Pastor Tim Terrell officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Memorials are to the Steuben County Cancer Society, P.O. Box 28, Angola, IN 46703 or Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46814.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

Helena Chapman

FREMONT — Helena B. Chapman, 76, of Fremont died Thursday, March 10, 2011, at Northern Lakes Nursing & Rehabilitation Center in Angola.


Mrs. Chapman

Mrs. Chapman had owned several restaurants in Fort Wayne and in California.

She was a member of Angola American Legion Post 31 Auxiliary.

She was born January 1, 1935, in Blue Diamond, Ky., the daughter of James and Reba (Hogg) Lockard. She married William B. Chapman on April 17, 1971. He preceded her in death June 7, 2009.

Surviving are two sons, Alton Chapman of Fort Wayne, Ind., and Douglas Bills of Rochester Hills, Mich.; a daughter, Deborah Bills of Fremont, Ind.; a sister, D. Wilson of Carmel Valley, Calif.; five grandchildren, Christopher Chapman, Carrie Wilcox, Justin Bills, Andrew Bleeda and Joseph Bills; seven great-grandchildren, Alyssa Wilcox, Blake Wilcox, Wyatt Bills, Dylan Bills, Piper Bills, Ruby Chapman and Mason Chapman; and three nieces and three nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Janice Goble; and a brother, McClelland Lockard.

Private family services will be held.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

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William Strowmatt

GARRETT — William E. "Bill" Strowmatt, 84, of Garrett died Sunday, March 13, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Strowmatt

Mr. Strowmatt was a mechanic at North American Van Lines.

He was a WW II Navy veteran, serving from 1944-1947.

Mr. Strowmatt was a member of the First Baptist Church in Garrett, the Garrett American Legion and the Eagles.

He was born Dec. 24, 1926, in Burgettstown, Pa., to William S. and Florence (McClain) Strowmatt and they preceded him in death. He married Nancy Bonner on June 17, 1950, in Imperial, Pa., and she died Oct. 6, 2000.

Surviving are three sons, Bill (Judi) Strowmatt of Apache Junction, Ariz.; Jerry (Kathy) Strowmatt of Avilla and Tim (Susan) Strowmatt of Mishawaka; a daughter, Karen (Jim) Perry of Strabane, Pa.; a brother David Strowmatt of Pennsylvania; three sisters, Doris McElhaney of Pennsylvania; Deloris Farber or West Virginia and Mary Jo Redman of West Virginia; 14 grandchildren; and 26 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by a son, Garry Strowmatt.

Visitation will be from 4-9 p.m. Wednesday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett and from 10-11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday at the funeral home with the Rev. David Mix officiating. Burial will follow in St. Mary's Cemetery at Avilla.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital.

Send a condolence or sign the on-line register book by visiting www.thomasfuneralhome.org.

Donald Litherland

AUBURN — Donald E. Litherland, 78, of Auburn died Monday, March 14, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor in Columbia City.

Mr. Litherland retired in March 1986 after more than 30 years with Dana Corp. of Fort Wayne.

He was a U.S. Navy, Korean Conflict veteran.

Mr. Litherland was a member of the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

He was born March 20, 1932, in Plainville to Charles and Jessie (Thacher) Litherland. He married Helen (Wood) Ott on Nov. 22, 1963, in Auburn and she died in 2002.

Surviving are two sons, Philip Litherland of Columbia City and Charles Litherland of Colon, Mich.; a daughter, Jean Boylan of Columbia City; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his parents and three brothers.

Services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Auburn with the Rev. Steven Kummernuss officiating. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., and also one hour prior to the service at the church Saturday.

Preferred memorials can be directed to St. Mark's Lutheran Church.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Leona Patterson

AVILLA — Leona M. Patterson, 84, of Avilla died Sunday, March 13, 2011.

There will be no services or calling.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Thomas Solee

ALBION — Thomas F. "Thom" Solee, 66, of Albion, died Sunday, March 13, 2011.

Services will be Sunday at 4 p.m at Brazzell Funeral Home Albion Chapel. A private burial will be at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

Calling is 1-4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Parkview Whitley Hospice and DeKalb and Noble humane shelters.

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Marguerite Dahman

Mrs. Dahman

NEW HAVEN — Marguerite "Marge" (Schaaf) Dahman, 94, of Fort Wayne died Monday, March 14, 2011, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Born in Woodburn, she was the daughter of the late George and Magdalina Schaaf.

She was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fort Wayne.

She was a homemaker and dedicated caregiver, who enjoyed gardening, reading and sewing.

Early in her career she worked for General Electric and later retired from the Public Service Employees.

She was married to Eugene Dahman for almost 50 years, before he went to be with the Lord in 1986.

She is respected and lovingly remembered by her daughter, Sally Waters of Auburn; grandchildren, Lorri (Jerry) Haber, Jon (Sheri) Waters, and Jill Skaggs; three great-grandchildren; and brother, George Schaaf.

She was also preceded in death by her son, Thomas J. Dahman; a son-in-law, Steve Waters; and brothers, Glen and Al Schaaf.

Funeral service is at 10 a.m. Thursday at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 202 W. Rudisill Blvd., Fort Wayne, with calling one hour prior. Pastor David Petersen will officiate.

Calling is also 2 to 3 and 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at E. Harper & Son Funeral Home, 740 St. Rd. 930 E., New Haven.

Burial is in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

Preferred memorials are to Redeemer Lutheran Church.

James Troyer

SHIPSHEWANA — James Leroy Troyer, 71, of Fort Myers, Fla., and formerly of Shipshewana died Friday, March 11, 2011, at Joanne's House of Hope Hospice in Florida.

A celebration of life service will be Wednesday at the clubhouse at Legends Golf and Country Club in Fort Myers from noon to 2 p.m.

Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. at Shore Mennonite Church, 7325 W. C.R. 100N, Shipshewana.

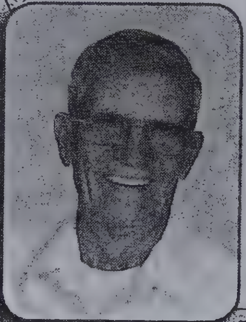
Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the church.

Cremation will take place.

Memorials are to Hope Hospice, 9470 Health Park Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908 or to the American Cancer Society, 4575 Via Royale, Suite 110, Fort Myers, FL 33919.

Frurip-May Funeral Home in LaGrange is in charge of local arrangements.

The family of
RAY BARKER
would like to take this time to thank all our neighbors, friends and families for all the cards, food, and flowers, and a special thank you to Linda Yoder, Noble County Hospice and Young Family Funeral Home. Also, Pastors Charlie Mosley & David Bolen for all their help and kindness in the loss of our husband, father, and grandfather.



THE NEWS SUN
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Bertha Kauffman

KENDALLVILLE — Bertha Kauffman, 88, of Kendallville and formerly of Rome City died Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at 5:15 a.m. in Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

Mrs. Kauffman

Mrs. Kauffman has been an area resident since 1959, coming from Illinois.

She was a homemaker, and enjoyed cross stitching, quilting, and campfires with her family.

She was a longtime member of the Maple Grove Church in Topeka.

She was born September 24, 1922, in Arcola, Illinois, to David B. and Lizzie (Miller) Herschberger. On October 14, 1941, in Arthur, Illinois, she married Eli K. Kauffman. He preceded her in death on February 6, 1998.

Surviving are three daughters, Anna Mae (Jim) Helmuth of Topeka, Lizzie Ann (Kenneth) Mullet of Nappanee and Linda Schrock and her friend, Alton Mast, of Wolcottville; four sons, Levi (Jan) Kauffman of Topeka, Willard (Alanna) Kauffman of Ligonier, Robert (Debra) Kauffman of Goshen and Dave (Karen) Kauffman of Wolcottville; 18 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Martha Ann Kaufman of Florida and Anna Mae Graber of Iowa; and two brothers, Eli Herschberger of Florida and Henry Herschberger of Illinois.

She was preceded in death by a brother, Levi Herschberger; a grandson, Todd Kauffman; and a granddaughter, Tara Kauffman.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 18, 2011, at 10 a.m. in the Maple Grove Church, Topeka, with Pastor Harold Gingerich officiating. Burial will be in the Maple Grove Cemetery.

Casketbearers will be Gary Mullet, Greg Mullet, Ryan Kauffman, Nathan Kauffman, Jeff Helmuth, DeWayne Strong and Rob Shaw.

Calling will be Thursday, March 17, 2011, from 3 to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to services on Friday at the church.

Preferred memorials are to Parkview Noble Hospice or the Maple Grove Church.

Arrangements are by Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

View a video tribute after Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

David Case

ST. JOE — David D. Case, 57, died Monday, March 14, 2011, at his home surrounded by his family.

Mr. Case had a career in law enforcement. He served as a Sylvania Township detective and patrolman and then was head of the Lucas County Court of Common Pleas. He spent 20 years as a special agent for the CSX Railroad Police Department.

He was a 1972 graduate of Whitmer High School, 1977 graduate of the University of Toledo with a degree in law enforcement, and a 1978 graduate of the Police Academy. He has an honorary degree from Manchester College for dedicated service to the community.

He was born Jan. 31, 1954, in Toledo, Ohio, to Wayne and Loraine (Weinand) Case. He married Lou Ann Ball on March 12, 1976. She survives.

Also surviving are three sons, Ian (LaRea) Case and Dr. Aaron (Dawn) Case, all of Fort Wayne, and Stephen (Karen) Case of Toledo, Ohio; a daughter, Katie (Chadd) Coan of Indianapolis; five grandchildren; his mother, Loraine Case; and a brother, Michael Case of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, Wayne C. Case Jr.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, 706 N. Main St., Hicksville, Ohio, with the Rev. Tom Eggold officiating. Burial will be in Forest Home Cemetery, Hicksville.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are to Manchester College in memory of David Case. Send to: Office of College Advancement, c/o Manchester College, 604 W. College Ave., North Manchester, IN 46962.

Online condolences may be shared at www.smithbrownfuneralhome.com.

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Thomas Solee

ALBION — Thomas F. "Thom" Solee, longtime Albion resident and owner of the Friendly Inn in Albion, died Sunday, March 13, 2011, at 9:15 a.m. with his wife by his side.

He was born on September 27, 1944, in St. Paul, Minnesota, to Harvey T. and Virginia (Mullins) Solee-Mikesell.

Thom came to the Albion area in 1985 and has owned the Friendly Inn in Albion for the past 26 years.

On November 8, 1975, he married Judy Hall in Bryan, Ohio. She survives in Albion.

He previously managed an appliance parts supply company in Fort Wayne, and was a musician for many years. He was a drummer with DJ and the DJ's in Auburn and Buck Lake Ranch. He was a member of Carl Pace and the Stagecoach Band and Millstone.

He loved music, especially blues and jazz, golf and hunting.

Surviving are his wife, Judy Solle of Albion; his mother, Virginia Solee-Mikesell of North Logan, Utah; two brothers, Denis (Charlotte) Solee of Pegram, Tennessee, and Terry (Stephanie) Root of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Samantha (David) Laffie of California and Carol (Larry) Broome of Hollywood, Maryland; a sister-in-law, Susan (Tom) Lingvai of Bryan, Ohio; a brother in-law, John (Jean) Hall of Bryan, Ohio; several nieces and nephews and two great-nieces.

He is preceded in death by his father, Harvey, and a son, Trent Solee on December 19, 1997.

A memorial service for Mr. Solee will be on Sunday, March 20, 2011, at 4 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Calling will be from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday before the service at the funeral home.

Private burial will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

The family requests that memorials be donated to Parkview-Whitley Hospice and to the DeKalb and Noble County Humane Shelters.

To sign a guest book go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

The
Family of
Jack L. Kurtz

wishes to thank all who kept our family in their prayers, shared words of encouragement in a card, nourished our bodies with food, or lifted our spirits with flowers or hugs. Thank you to Provena Sacred Heart Home E-unit staff, who embraced our whole family as one of their own. Thank you VNH staff and volunteer Scott Malcolm for the care you provided our loved one. Thank you Pastor Phyllis Smoot, Pastor Sue Socha and Tom Novy for your frequent visits and prayers. Thank you Hite Funeral Home for providing a memorial filled with dignity, compassion and love. Thank you Kendallville VFW and Rome City American Legion for honoring a fellow soldier one last time. Thank you Jack Gaby and Bill Knott for giving Jack a memorable trip to his final resting place. Thank you Mt. Pleasant and St. Mark's Lutheran Churches for the wonderful funeral luncheon.

Our family chain is broken and nothing seems
the same; But as God calls us one by one,
the chain will link again.

Donna Kurtz, Sherri & Paul DeLong,
Paula & John Bherns,
Mike & Willie Kurtz
and families.

Dennis Goneau

AVILLA — Donnis Goneau, 83, died Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at her home near Avilla.

Funeral services are pending at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 16, 2011, Wednesday

Sherry Lynn Conley, 54

Sherry Lynn Conley, age 54, of Kendallville, died on Friday, March 11, 2011 at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville

Sherry was born in Martin, Kentucky on December 7, 1956 to Monte and Anna Mae (Cox) Conley.

Sherry loved to color and play with her Care Bears. She also loved to sing along with her dad while he played the guitar.

She enjoyed spending time drawing with her Magna Doodle and she loved eating out at her favorite restaurants.

Survivors include her parents, Monte and Anna Conley of Kendallville; sister, Jennifer and Richard Schoeff of Sellersburg, Indiana; brother, Robert Conley of Avilla; niece and nephew, Catilyn and Wade Schoeff.

Funeral services were Sunday, March 13, 2011 at Harbor Of Love Baptist Church.

Officiating the funeral service was Pastor Charles Mosley.

Burial was at Rehobeth Cemetery near Albion.

Preferred memorials may be made to Special Olympics or National Association for Down Syndrome.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 16, 2011, Wednesday

Patricia Ann Nicodemus, 57

Patricia Ann "Patty" Nicodemus, age 57, of Columbia City, Ind., died at 5:45 p.m. Thursday, March 10, 2011 at Lutheran Hospital of Fort Wayne.

Born in Wolf Lake, Ind., May 29, 1953 she was the daughter of Roderick C. and Martha Jane (Friskney) Johnson.

A lifetime Whitley County resident, she graduated from Churubusco High School with the Class of 1971. On April 21, 1973, she married William D. Nicodemus at Eel River Baptist Church. In 1975, she earned her Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Special Education from the University of Saint Francis, Fort Wayne. A devoted wife, mother and grandmother, she assisted her husband with their family dairy farm operation. Very active in the Whitley County 4-H program, her memberships included 4-H Inc. and Indiana/National Holstein Association.

She is survived by her husband of 37 years, William "Bill" Nicodemus of Columbia City; children, Anne Nicodemus of South Whitley, Douglas (Jessica) Nicodemus of Columbia City, Jason (Erin) Nicodemus of Columbia City, Andrea (Adam) Starkey of Peru, Patrick Nicodemus of Columbia City, Daryl (Claudette) Nicodemus of Dale, Amanda Nicodemus of Knox, Adam and Andrew Nicodemus both of Columbia City; mother, Martha Jane Johnson of Churubusco; sisters, Mary Lou (Danny) Biddle of Albion and Phyllis (Daniel) Ferguson of Churubusco; brother, William Johnson of Albion and nine grandchildren. In addition to her father, she was preceded in death by a son, Jonathan Robert Nicodemus, brothers, Willis and Henry Johnson (infant), grandsons, Trenton Dean and Joshua Corbine Nicodemus.

Funeral service was Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at DeMoney-Grimes Countryside Park Funeral Home, 600 Countryside Drive, Columbia City, with Pastor James Clifford of Laud Christian Church officiating.

At the family's request, dress is casual for visitation and funeral service. Burial followed at Oak Grove Cemetery, Columbia City.

Memorials may be given in memory of Patty to Whitley County 4-H Dairy Club or the National Kidney Foundation. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. Please visit www.demoneygrimes.com to send family condolences or sign the guest register.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 16, 2011, Wednesday

Ian A. Myers, 24

Ian A. Myers, age 24, of Kendallville died on Thursday, March 10, 2011 at Parkview Noble Hospital in Kendallville.

Ian was born in Kendallville on November 25, 1986 to James K. Myers and Karen S. (McNeal) Myers. They survive in Kendallville.

He attended St. John Lutheran School for nine years and then went on to graduate from East Noble High School in 2006. After high school he attended Ball State University in Muncie where he was a member of the Ball State Power Soccer Team.

Ian was an Ambassador of the Muscular Dystrophy Association for the State of Indiana. He also enjoyed attending Camp Potawotami in South Milford for several summers.

Survivors include his parents, James K. and Karen S. Myers of Kendallville; three sisters, Stephenie and Aaron Dwyer of LaOtto, Jamie and Chris Halmagyi of Kendallville, Andrea and Todd Beachy of Kendallville; three nephews, Bailey Dwyer, Jacksyn Myers and Ethan Beachy; three nieces, Morgan Dwyer, Kora Beachy and Mila Halmagyi; paternal grandparents, Orval J. and Betty J. Myers of Avilla; maternal grandmother, Marcile Dykes of Fort Wayne; several aunts, uncles and cousins; his dogs, Bernie and Polly

He was preceded in death by maternal grandfather, John McNeal; and his step-grandfather, Chester Dykes.

Funeral services were Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Paul B. Griebel.

Burial was at Swan Cemetery in LaOtto, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association of Fort Wayne.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

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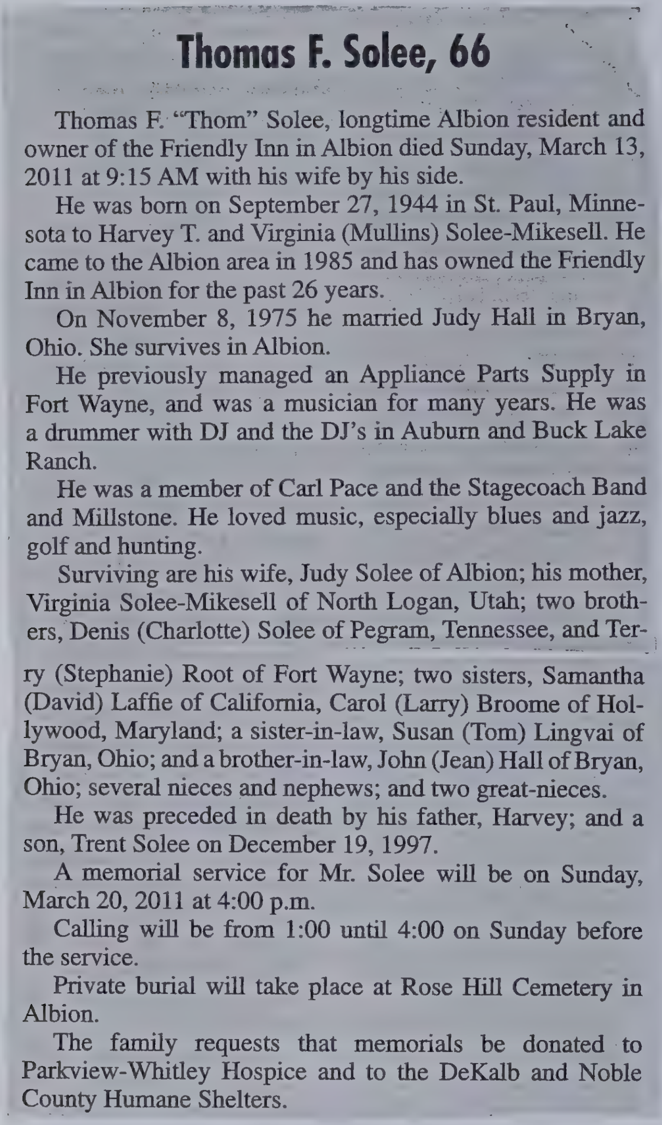

Thomas F. Solee, 66

Thomas F. "Thom" Solee, longtime Albion resident and owner of the Friendly Inn in Albion died Sunday, March 13, 2011 at 9:15 AM with his wife by his side.

He was born on September 27, 1944 in St. Paul, Minnesota to Harvey T. and Virginia (Mullins) Solee-Mikesell. He came to the Albion area in 1985 and has owned the Friendly Inn in Albion for the past 26 years.

On November 8, 1975 he married Judy Hall in Bryan, Ohio. She survives in Albion.

He previously managed an Appliance Parts Supply in Fort Wayne, and was a musician for many years. He was a drummer with DJ and the DJ's in Auburn and Buck Lake Ranch.

He was a member of Carl Pace and the Stagecoach Band and Millstone. He loved music, especially blues and jazz, golf and hunting.

Surviving are his wife, Judy Solee of Albion; his mother, Virginia Solee-Mikesell of North Logan, Utah; two brothers, Denis (Charlotte) Solee of Pegram, Tennessee, and Terry (Stephanie) Root of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Samantha (David) Laffie of California, Carol (Larry) Broome of Hollywood, Maryland; a sister-in-law, Susan (Tom) Lingvai of Bryan, Ohio; and a brother-in-law, John (Jean) Hall of Bryan, Ohio; several nieces and nephews; and two great-nieces.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harvey; and a son, Trent Solee on December 19, 1997.

A memorial service for Mr. Solee will be on Sunday, March 20, 2011 at 4:00 p.m.

Calling will be from 1:00 until 4:00 on Sunday before the service.

Private burial will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

The family requests that memorials be donated to Parkview-Whitley Hospice and to the DeKalb and Noble County Humane Shelters.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 17, 2011, Thursday

Donnis Goneau

AVILLA — Donnis Leila Goneau, age 83, of Avilla died on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at her home in Avilla.

Mrs. Goneau

Mrs. Goneau was born in Churubusco, Indiana, on January 13, 1928, to the late Dwight and Estella (McCoy) Parish.

She graduated from Churubusco High School in 1946.

She married Donald Lawrence Goneau on February 5, 1949, at St. Peters Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

Donnis was a waitress at the St. James Restaurant in Avilla for 18 years. Before that she waitressed at the American Legion Post 82 in Fort Wayne.

Donnis was a wonderfully talented seamstress and she also loved to quilt.

She enjoyed spending time in her yard, mowing grass, and gardening.

She loved to play bingo at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and the Butler American Legion Post 202.

Donnis also enjoyed working word puzzles.

Surviving are her husband, Donald Goneau of Avilla; three daughters, Rochelle Hein of Fort Wayne, Lisa and Dan Danielson of Anchorage, Alaska, and Holly Goneau of Garrett: three sons, Patrick and Lynne Goneau of Bradenton, Florida, Kim and Wanda Goneau of Fort Wayne and Kelly and Loretta Goneau of Tok, Alaska; 13 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; a brother, Dallas and Gloria Parish of Churubusco; and two sisters, Dwila and Don Bloom of Alpharetta, Georgia, and Carman Horn of Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by her three brothers, Warren Disler, Randol Disler and Dick Parish.

Visitation will be Friday, March 18, 2011, from 3-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St. in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Saturday, March 19, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home. Officiating the funeral service will be Father Edward Erpelding.

Burial will be at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla. Casketbearers will be her sons, Patrick, Kim and Kelly Goneau, and her grandsons, Matt Hein, Jeremy Hein and Jake Farnsworth.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Indiana Organ Procurement Organization or the Noble County Humane Society.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Donnis by Friday at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

Flora Horstman

FORT WAYNE — Flora M. Horstman, 89, of Angola and formerly of Fort Wayne, died Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at Lakeland Nursing and Rehab Center.

Mrs. Horstman

Mrs. Horstman retired from Magnavox in 1986 after 34 years of service.

She was a member of United Faith Presbyterian Church in Fort Wayne and Metz Christian Church in Angola.

Mrs. Horstman was born in Fort Wayne to Thomas and Frieda Reynolds.

Surviving are two daughters, Rose (Louis) Ojeda of Fort Wayne and Barbara Ann (Ralph) Menefee of Angola; eight grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and 19 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Gilbert in 2003; three sisters, Betty Fiedler, Gertrude Short and Goldiebell Axson; and a brother, Leon Reynolds.

Calling will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday at Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Covington Memorial Gardens.

Memorials are to Hospice Home of Northeast Indiana or Angola Hospice.

Sign a guest book at www.covingtonmemorial.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 17, 2011, Thursday

Evelyn Roth

HAMILTON — Evelyn E. Roth, 93, of Hamilton died Tuesday afternoon, March 15, 2011, at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

Mrs. Roth was a homemaker.

She was a graduate of Adams Central High School in Monroe, Ind.

Mrs. Roth attended the Hudson United Brethren Church and the New Hope Christian Center in Waterloo.

She was born August 29, 1917, in Berne, Indiana, to John and Gladys (Farlow) Ludy.

She married Leonard K. Roth on January 10, 1945. He passed away on October 26, 1979.

Surviving are a son and daughter-in-law, Alan R. and Beverly J. Roth of Auburn; a granddaughter and her husband, Melissa and John Monchilov; and three great-grandchildren, Taylor, Logen and Caleb.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and a son, Steven in 1946.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 19, 2011, at Backesto Cemetery, rural Berne, Ind.

There will be no calling hours.

Memorials are to the Hudson United Brethren Church.

Johnson Funeral Home in Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

Family and friends may send condolences to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

Homer Hargrave Jr.

SKOKIE, Ill. — Homer P. Hargrave Jr. died Monday, March 14, 2011, after a brief illness at Swedish Covenant Hospital in Chicago.

He is survived by his beloved children, Charles P. (Kathryn) Hargrave, William A. Hargrave and Alice Hargrave Wallon, and his grandchildren, Sara (Dan) Hargrave Noland, Kathryn Hargrave, Charles Hargrave Jr., Jennifer Hargrave, Ezra Wallon, Gabriel Wallon and Joseph Hargrave.

Also surviving are a sister, Judith Coleman; his stepchildren, Deedie Boyle de Torres and Mallory Boyle; and his step-grandchildren, Sally Kriete, Alex Baires, Andrea Nochez, Danny Nochez Boyle, Christopher Baires and Philip Baires.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Sally Howell Hargrave.

A celebration of Homer's life will be Friday, March 18, 2011, from 3-9 p.m., with memory sharing at 7 p.m., at Donnellan Family Funeral Home, 10045 Skokie Blvd. at Old Orchard Road, in Skokie.

In lieu of flowers, the family would suggest donations to the Glenwood School for Boys and Girls, Glenwood School, 500 W. 187th St., Glenwood, IL 60425 or planned giving@glenwoodschool.org.

Sign a guest book at donnellanfuneral.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 17, 2011, Thursday

Thomas Solee

ALBION — Thomas F. "Thom" Solee, longtime Albion resident and owner of the Friendly Inn in Albion, died Sunday, March 13, 2011, at 9:15 a.m. with his wife by his side.

He was born on September 27, 1944, in St. Paul, Minnesota, to Harvey T. Solee and Virginia (Mullins) Solee-Mikesell.

Thom came to the Albion area in 1985 and has owned the Friendly Inn in Albion for the past 26 years.

On November 8, 1975, he married Judy Hall in Bryan, Ohio. She survives in Albion.

He previously managed an appliance parts supply company in Fort Wayne, and was a musician for many years. He was a drummer with DJ and the DJ's in Auburn and Buck Lake Ranch. He was a member of Carl Pace and the Stagecoach Band and Millstone.

He loved music, especially blues and jazz, golf and hunting.

Surviving are his wife, Judy Solee of Albion; his mother, Virginia Solee-Mikesell of North Logan, Utah; two brothers, Denis (Charlotte) Solee of Pegram, Tennessee, and Terry (Stephanie) Root of Fort Wayne; two sisters, Samantha (David) Laffie of California and Carol (Larry) Broome of Hollywood, Maryland; a sister-in-law, Susan (Tom) Lingvai of Bryan, Ohio; a brother in-law, John (Jean) Hall of Bryan, Ohio; several nieces and nephews and two great-nieces.

He is preceded in death by his father, Harvey, and a son, Trent Solee on December 19, 1997.

A memorial service for Mr. Solee will be on Sunday, March 20, 2011, at 4 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Albion Chapel. Calling will be from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday before the service at the funeral home.

Private burial will take place at Rose Hill Cemetery in Albion.

The family requests that memorials be donated to Parkview-Whitley Hospice and to the DeKalb and Noble County Humane Shelters.

To sign a guest book go to brazzellfuneralhome.com.

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June Hadley

Mrs. Hadley

LAOTTO — June Pauline (Leiter) Hadley, 86, a resident of rural LaOtto and widow of Vaughan A. Hadley, passed away at 2:55 p.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been a patient there since Wednesday after suffering an apparent stroke.

Mrs. Hadley was born on June 3, 1924, in Noble County, a daughter of Clarence Samuel and Pearl Edith (Wood) Leiter. She spent her formative years in Swan Township, and graduated from Huntertown High School in 1943.

As a young woman she had worked at Essex Wire in Fort Wayne for 13 years, and was married at Simpson United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne to Vaughan A. Hadley on May 21, 1954. She and her husband lived in Fort Wayne for a period before moving to the family farm in Swan Township where she spent most of her adult life.

She was a longtime member of Simpson United Methodist Church, a member of Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136, and a member of Sigma Phi Gama Sorority. As an outstanding homemaker who deeply loved her family, she was an exceptional cook, hostess, seamstress, and an avid bird watcher. She had a green thumb in the garden and possessed expert skills in growing orchids and plants.

Mr. Hadley preceded her in death on April 22, 2004.

The surviving relatives include her daughter, Sandra S. Hadley of rural LaOtto; two sisters, Mary (Louie) Peduto of Shelbyville and Dorothy Martin of Kendallville; a brother, Ray (Patsy) Leiter of LaOtto; and a multitude of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers, Glen Leiter, Glade Leiter, Robert Leiter and Cleo Leiter; and by three sisters, Carrie Russell, Helen Thorn and Gladys McNabb.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2011, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with the Rev. Edward E. Kester, pastor of Simpson United Methodist Church, officiating.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home after 1 p.m. on Saturday until the time of the service.

Interment will be in the Hooper-King Cemetery, west of Avilla.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Shriner's Hospital For Children or Simpson United Methodist Church.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Hadley's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

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Donald Badman

WATERLOO — Donald E. Badman, 75, of Waterloo died Wednesday, March 16, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Badman

Mr. Badman was a cabinetmaker with Grabill Cabinets in Grabill for more than 30 years before retiring in 2000.

He was a 1953 graduate of Butler High School and a U.S. Army veteran.

He was born May 13, 1935, in DeKalb County to Lawrence and Louise (Wise) Badman. He married Janet Brown on Aug. 12, 1960, in Waterloo and she survives.

Also surviving are four sons and three daughters-in-law, Scott and Leisha Badman of St. Joe, Dave and Joselynn Badman of Butler, Bradley Badman of Waterloo and Michael and Karen Badman of Fort Wayne; 12 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; two sisters, Betty Keyes of Waterloo and Joan Burns of Butler; and three brothers and sisters-in-law, Russ and Pauline Badman of Auburn, Jack and Pat Badman of Waterloo and Richard and Charlene Badman of Waterloo.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Saturday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo, with John Schaaf officiating.

Calling will be three hours prior to the service Saturday from noon to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital, Indianapolis.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Juliet McDonald

FORT WAYNE — Juliet Hippensteele McDonald of Fort Wayne died Wednesday, March 16, 2011, at her home surrounded by her family.

Services will be at 3 p.m. on Saturday at Plymouth Congregational Church, 501 W. Berry St. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery at Fremont.

Calling will be from 6-9 p.m. today at Klaehn, Fahl & Melton Funeral Homes, Wayne Street Chapel, 420 W. Wayne St.

Memorials are gifts to the Michael J. Fox Parkinson's Foundation or Heartland Hospice.

Daniel Brown

HOWE — Daniel Lee Brown, 63, of Howe died Wednesday, March 16, 2011, at Elkhart General Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 3:30 p.m. Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange. American Legion Post 215 will conduct a military service at the funeral home.

Visitation will be from 12:30-3:30 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Ribbon of Hope, 600 East Blvd., Elkhart, IN 46514 or American Cancer Society, 111 East Ludwig Road, Suite 105, Fort Wayne, IN 46825.

Charles Sessford

FREMONT — Charles Edward Sessford, 68, died at 12:10 a.m. Thursday March 17, 2011, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Sessford

Mr. Sessford retired after 23 years from Schenkel & Son.

He was born in Auburn on March 9, 1943, to Charles E Sessford Jr. and Gladys (Jones) Sessford.

His wife Linda L. Sessford died on April 23, 2004.

Surviving are his companion, Jenny Gordon of Fremont; four daughters, Wendy and Robert Catterall of Angola, Roberta and Ronald Leland of Garrett, Sheila and John Sheets of Montpelier, Ohio, and Veronica and Paul Winchester of Angola; 22 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Teresa M. Bussing, also preceded him in death.

There will be no services or calling.

Burial at later date in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements. Send online condolences to www.dalejohnsonfh.com

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Mary Jarrett

FORT WAYNE — Mary Virginia Jarrett, 88, passed away quietly at Harbour Assisted Living in Fort Wayne. Her devoted husband, Raymond was at her side.

"Virginia," as she liked to be called, was the daughter of Minnie and Jim Johnson, and born July 7, 1922, in Hardinsburg, Kentucky. Virginia and Charles "Raymond" Jarrett were married August 29, 1941.

Virginia and her high school sweetheart were both graduates of Hardinsburg high School and would have celebrated their 70th anniversary in August 2011.

Mrs. Jarrett

During WW II, Raymond was in Europe serving in the Army while Virginia was in Evansville, Ind., working at Chrysler and Sunbeam for the war effort. They moved to Fort Wayne, Ind., in 1955 with Harvester and Virginia worked part time for 15 years at the Colony Shop in New Haven and was also a homemaker.

Raymond was the love of her life and then their son, Steve, was born and her love was shared.

She was a very devoted wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She was also a wonderful mother-in-law and for many years she had one or two grandchildren on the weekends and has always been beloved by them.

She was preceded in death by her infant son, Charles Daniel; her parents; and her brothers, Marsh Owen, Charles and Marvin Johnson.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond; her son, Steven (Nancy) Jarrett; her grandchildren, Mark (Kim) Jarrett, Cindy (Jeff) Reese, Jennifer Nance, and Jeff (Jami) Jarrett; 12 great-grandchildren; and three stepgreat-grandchildren; and a brother, Theodore Johnson.

Pallbearers are her grandsons, Mark Jarrett, Jeff Jarrett and Jeff Reese, and her great-grandsons, Brock Jarrett, Mason Reese and Brady Bechtol. Honorary pallbearers are her grandsons, Austin Jarrett, serving with the Air Force at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas, Kyle Nance, Jarrett Reese and Chad Bechtol.

Funeral service is at 11 a.m. today, Friday, March 18, at D. O. McComb and Sons Maplewood Park Funeral Home, 4017 Maplecrest Road, with calling one hour prior.

Burial is in Highland Park Cemetery, Fort Wayne.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Family Hospice & Palliative Care of Berne, Indiana.

To sign the online guest book, go to www.mccombandsons.com.

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Marjorie Barner

FORT WAYNE — Marjorie J. Barner, 83, of Fort Wayne died Thursday, March 17, 2011, at Provena Sacred Heart Home in Avilla.

Mrs. Barner was a graduate of the Indiana School for the Deaf, member of the Auxiliary of FRAT, Auxiliary UMCD, and was former editor of the Silent Link.

She was born on Jan 3, 1928, in Goshen to Russel and Mary (Lewett) Smith.

She is survived by a daughter, Christine J. (Louis) Krock of LaOtto; grandsons, Louis C. Krock Jr. of Fort Wayne, and Christopher W. (Leslie) Krock of Garrett; and two great-grandchildren, Sydney and Samantha.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday March 21, 2011, at C.M. Sloan & Sons Funeral Home, 1327 N. Wells St., with visitation from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery.

Memorials to the family.

Send online condolences to www.sloanandsonsfuneralhome.com.

Coltyn Rowe

Wyatt Rowe

FREMONT — Coltyn Ace Rowe and Wyatt Kane Rowe, twin sons of Chad Michael and Kara Nicole (Ireland) Rowe of Fremont, died at birth Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Surviving with their parents are a brother, Zandier Rowe at home in Fremont; their grandparents, Kelyn and Penny (Parker) Ireland of Fremont and Kevin and Kathleen (Pettit) Rowe of Angola; and their great-grandparents, Gerald and Gerrie Pettit of Arizona, John and Jeanene Wright of Fort Wayne and Clifford and Mae Belvin of Corunna.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Fremont Community Church, 601 N. Coldwater St., Fremont with Pastor Mike Albaugh officiating.

A gathering for family and friends will follow the services at the church and a meal will be served.

Memorials are to the family.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

John Foley

AUBURN — John Leo Foley, 85, of Auburn died Thursday, March 16, 2011, at his home.

A memorial service will be held next Saturday, March 26, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn.

The family will visit and receive friends after the service from 3 until 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

A full obit will appear in tomorrow's paper.

Sylvia Myers

GARRETT — Sylvia L. Myers, 93, of Garret died Thursday, March 17, 2011, at Wesley Healthcare in Auburn.

Visitation will be from 9-11 a.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home in Garrett.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Thomas Funeral Home with Pastor Kathy Thompson officiating.

Burial will follow in Christian Union Cemetery at Garrett.

Memorials are to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

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John Foley

AUBURN — John Leo Foley, 85, of Auburn died Thursday, March 16, 2011, at home.

Mr. Foley

He was born November 22, 1925, in Bryan, Ohio, to George Leo and Sarah C. (Bailey) Foley and moved to Auburn in 1930. He graduated from Auburn High School in 1943 and then attended St. Joseph's College. He served in the Air Force from 1943 to 1946.

John was employed by Foley Pattern Company from 1941, and served as President and Chairman of the Board until his retirement in 1991. He had been active in numerous civic organizations including serving as a past president of the Auburn Jaycees. He helped raise money to build the Auburn Community Pool, which was then donated to the City of Auburn in 1968, and served as pool manager from 1967 to 1972. John served with the Board of Directors of the DeKalb County YMCA and YMCA Foundation from 1971 to 1988, including as President from 1985 to 1987.

He was parade chairman for the DeKalb County Free Fall Fair from 1977 until 1985, and was a charter member of the ACD Museum. From 1980 to 1988, he was director of Family Shelter, Inc., a four-county battered women's shelter. He also served as president of RTS Leasing Company, and was traffic chairman of the Auburn Cord Duesenberg Festival from 1977 to 1986.

At various times he served as Auburn's Park Commissioner, Police and Fire Commissioner, City Councilman from 1968 to 1972 and Mayor from 1972 to 1976. He was a member of the Auburn Board of Works, served on the DeKalb County Aviation Board from 1978 to 2000 and was appointed and later elected to the Union Township Advisory Board from 2001 to 2011.

John received the Allen Graber Citizenship Award in 1996 and the prestigious Sagamore of the Wabash in 2000.

John married Jane Schooley on November 27, 1948, in Auburn and she survives. He is also survived by a son and seven daughters, Steve (Carol) Foley of Waterloo, Kathleen (Drew) Hadwal of Wichita Falls, Texas, Mary (John) Hemperly of Apex, N.C., Ellen (Dick) Stahly of Auburn, Sheila (Kevin) Myers of Conyers, Ga., Sarah (Mike) Hannon of Muncie, Pat (Arnie) Schon of Willow Springs, N.C. and Carolyn (Rick Dye) Foley of Auburn.

There are 17 grandchildren, Joseph Hadwal, Celia (Adam) O'Brien, Lauren (Chase) Cullipher, Josh Hemperly, Alison Hemperly, J.T. Foley, Hannah Foley, Brittany Myers, Shawn Myers, Sam Schon, Remi Schon, Jessica Dye, Nick Dye, Megan Dye, Troy (Kelly) Stahly, Bryn Hannon and Darby Hannon and there are two great-grandchildren, Logan Stahly and Taya Stahly.

A memorial service for the public will be held next Saturday, March 26, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn. The family will also visit and receive friends after the service from 3 until 7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be given in John's name to Eckhart Public Library, the Hoosier Air Museum or Auburn Cord Duesenberg Museum.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Dr. Melvin Blake

TRAVELERS REST, S.C. — Dr. C. Melvin Blake, 92, of Travlers Rest and formerly of South Milford, Ind., died Monday, March 7, 2011.

A memorial service will be at 3 p.m. April 23 at Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, 1135 State Park Road, Greenville, S.C.

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DeLoy Smith

ANGOLA — DeLoy J. Smith, 92, an 88-year resident of Metz, Ind., and a 4-year resident of Winter Haven, Fla., passed away March 17, 2011, due to kidney failure. He was lovingly surrounded by his daughters.

Mr. Smith

The only son of Elgie and Vera Ingledue Smith, he was born August 17, 1918, in Metz and graduated from Metz High School in 1937.

He moved to his farm that he currently owns at the age of 13 and was a farmer his entire life. In 1983, he retired from Wenzeler Stamping in Montpelier, Ohio, as foreman after 18 years of service.

As a member of the Metz Christian Church, he has been an elder since 1963 and in 2006 was declared an honorary elder. He was also a Sunday school teacher at the church for 35 years.

Mr. Smith was a member of Angola Masonic Lodge #236, a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne and of the Mizpah Shrine. He was a board member and cared for the Mt. Pleasant Cemetery from 1949-2006.

In his leisure time as a younger man he enjoyed fishing, snowmobiling, motorcycle riding and wintering in Florida since 1983.

In addition to his parents; DeLoy was preceded in death by his wife of 59 years, Letha Reese Smith on December 26, 1997; an infant son, James Allen Smith in 1944; and a grandson, Gregory Pollard in 1987.

He leaves to mourn two daughters, Jo (Jim) Myers of Plainfield, Ind., and Winter Haven, Fla., and Willie "Jean" (Russell) Tidwell of Nashville, Tenn.; three grandchildren, Kelly (Doug) Brown, Kenneth Myers and Shelley (Gregory) Howard; along with six great-grandchildren, three stepgrandchildren and five stepgreat-grandchildren.

The family will receive friends for visitation from 4 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, followed by a Masonic Service by the Angola Masonic Lodge 236 at 7:30 p.m. at Weicht Funeral Home, Angola, Indiana.

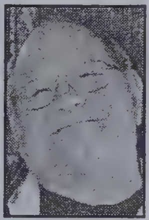
Funeral services will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at 11 a.m. with one hour of visitation prior to the service. Officiating will be Pastor Jim Hulbert and Pastor Mike Hesterman. Burial will be at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery, Metz, Ind.

Memorial contributions may be made to The Good Shepherd Hospice, 490 E. Davidson Street, Bartow, FL 33830.

You may sign the guestbook at www.weichtfh.com

Charles Sessford

FREMONT — Charles Edward Sessford, 68, died at 12:10 a.m. Thursday, March 17, 2011, at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne.


Mr. Sessford

Mr. Sessford retired after 23 years from Schenkel & Son.

He was born in Auburn on March 9, 1943, to Charles E. Sessford Jr. and Gladys (Jones) Sessford.

His wife Linda L. Sessford died on April 23, 2004.

Surviving are his companion, Jenny Gordon of Fremont; four daughters, Wendy and Robert Catterall of Angola, Bobby and Ron Leland of Garrett, Shiela and John Sheets of Montpelier, Ohio, and Veronica and Paul Winchester of Angola; two stepsons, Bryan Gramling of Indinaa and Scott Gramling of Angola; a stepdaughter, Melissa Pawson of Angola; 22 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren.

A daughter, Teresa M. Bussing, and a son, Charles William Sessford, also preceded him in death.

There will be no services or calling.

Burial at later date in Circle Cemetery, Hudson.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements. Send online condolences to www.dalejohnsonfh.com

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Nora Bair

Ms. Bair

CHURUBUSCO — Nora Jane Bair, 90, a former resident of Green Township in Noble County, passed away at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2011, at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion following an extended illness.

Ms. Bair was born on February 8, 1921, in Noble County, a daughter of Ebony E. and Ada (Haney) Bair. A 1939 graduate of Churubusco High School, she graduated from business college in Fort Wayne, and spent all of her life on the family farm in Green Township.

As a young woman she was employed at General Electric in Fort Wayne, and retired after over 30 years from the offices of Albion Production Credit Association.

A member of the Merriam Christian Chapel, she had served as the treasurer of its missions board and was also the coordinator for church funeral dinners.

An accomplished seamstress, she had made gowns for countless weddings and events over the years, and made the first drapes for the baptistery of her church.

Because of her sewing abilities, she served as a judge for the 4-H Dress Revue for many years, and had also volunteered in the office at the Noble County 4-H Fair.

She enjoyed watching sporting events, and especially enjoyed watching her nieces and nephews in athletic competitions.

The surviving relatives include her sister, Mary Lois Edwards of Albion; a sister-in-law, Anita Bair of Churubusco; 16 nieces and nephews; and several great- and great-great-nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister, Pauline Delanoy; and by three brothers, Ralph L. Bair, Paul Bair Sr. and Lynn I. Bair.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, March 21, 2011, at the Merriam Christian Chapel, with Pastor Terry L. Zolman officiating.

The family will receive friends at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco on Sunday from 2 to 5 p. m., or at the church one hour prior to the service Monday morning.

Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Merriam Christian Chapel Missions Fund or to Shriner's Hospital For Children.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Ms. Bair's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

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Mary Handshoe

WAWAKA — Mary Jane Handshoe, 85, of Wawaka died Thursday, March 17, 2011, in Parkview Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Mrs. Handshoe was a lifetime area resident.

She worked at Lyle Electric for a year and then worked at Essex Wire in Ligonier and retired from there after 22 years.

She was born Nov. 7, 1925, in Auburn to George and Mary (Beaty) Carper. She married Harold L. Bruce, and he preceded her in death in 1975. She then married Dale Handshoe on October 28, 1977, in Sturgis, Mich. He survives in Wawaka.

Also surviving are two sons and a daughter-in-law, George E. and Joni L. Bruce of Kendallville and Harold L. Bruce of Wolcottville; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and two sisters, Shirley Botts of Fort Wayne and Bonnie Hopkins of St. Joe.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; a sister, Dorothy Harker, and five brothers, George Carper Jr., Forrest Carper, Floyd Carper, Leo Carper and Donnie Carper.

Graveside services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Orange Cemetery, Rome City, with prayers being said by Vaughn Handshoe.

Calling will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday in Young Family Funeral Home, Wolcottville Chapel, S.R. 9 North, Wolcottville.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Coltyn Rowe
Wyatt Rowe

FREMONT — Coltyn Ace Rowe and Wyatt Kane Rowe, twin sons of Chad Michael and Kara Nicole (Ireland) Rowe of Fremont, died at birth Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Surviving with their parents are a brother, Zandier Rowe at home in Fremont; their grandparents, Kelyn and Penny (Parker) Ireland of Fremont and Kevin and Kathleen (Pettit) Rowe of Angola; and their great-grandparents, Gerald and Gerrie Pettit of Arizona, John and Jeanene Wright of Fort Wayne, Clifford and Mae Belvin of Corunna and Florita Kretlow of Fremont.

Memorial services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Fremont Community Church, 601 N. Coldwater St., Fremont with Pastor Mike Albaugh officiating.

A gathering for family and friends will follow the services at the church and a meal will be served.

Memorials are to the family.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Jane Potter loved all people

BY NICHOLE HACHA-THOMAS
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AUBURN — Jane Potter was a people person and loved capturing life's special moments with her camera.

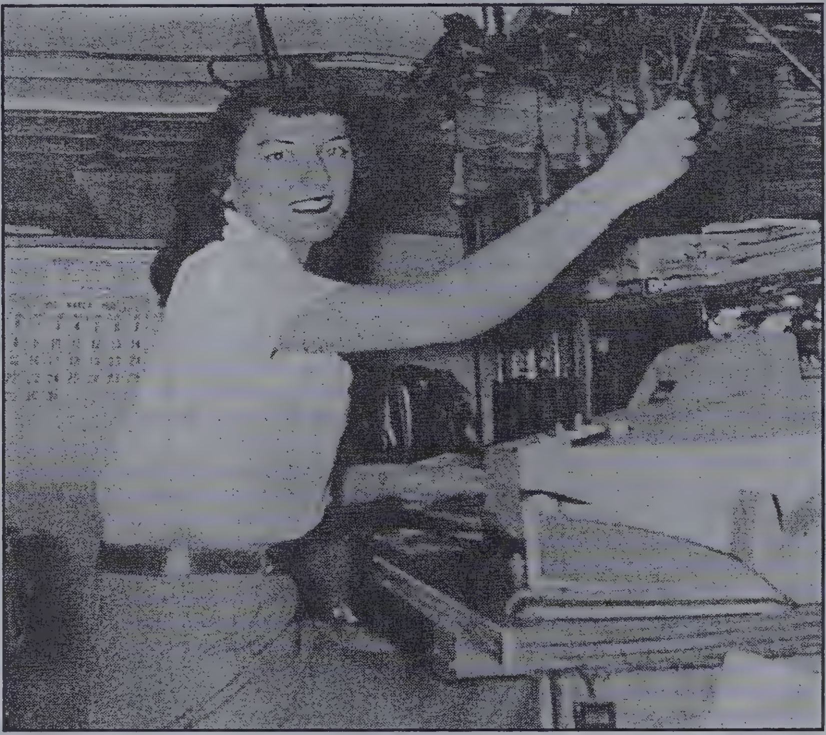
Miss Potter, 86, died Feb. 26, 2011. at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

As a child, she enjoyed spending time with her family and taking part in a variety of sports including roller skating, ice skating and bowling.

Miss Potter starred in a roller-skating show in 1940 with her younger sister, Barbara Capen. They performed around the region at stage shows and fairs for six years. Capen would lock her skates around her sister's neck and fly through the air as they skated. The show grew out of the family's love of skating.

"We went skating three times a week at Silver Moon Roller Rink," Capen said. "The whole family skated, except Mom, who came along to watch."

Miss Potter worked 38 years at the Auburn J.C. Penney store, starting her job there after graduating from Auburn High School. She made change for the store's sales transactions using an overhead system of cups on wires. She loved talking to the store's customers, making many friends over the years, Capen said.



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Jane Potter sits at her desk in this March 1953 photo at the old Auburn J.C. Penney store on North Main Street. Potter worked making change in the office, using an overhead trolley-cup system. Sales clerks would unscrew the top of a cup and place coins inside, while bills and sales receipts were clipped to the outside of the cup and sent to Potter with the pull of a cord. Potter would make change for each sale and return the cup. She worked for J.C. Penney for 38 years.

"Whenever she met a new person, the first thing she would do is ask them, 'When's your birthday?'" said Capen. The reason — to send them a birthday card, of course.

"She loved correspondence," said Janet Potter, another of Miss Potter's sisters. Capen said her sister received as many cards as she sent, amassing quite a collection of sentimental notes from friends and neighbors through the years.

Even after retiring, Capen said, her sister wanted to continue working to be around people.

"She like to stay busy and connected," Capen said.

Janet Potter said her sister loved her co-workers and considered them extended family. It was customary for Jane Potter to buy gifts and trinkets for children of her co-workers and neighbors.

"No matter where she worked or lived, Jane would get gifts for the kids for Christmas, Easter and everything," Capen said.

Capen said her sister also doted on her only niece, Capen's daughter, Mary Ann McClain.

"She just thought the world of Mary Ann," Janet Potter said. "She got a niece and spoiled her like crazy."

Being so full of life, it was no coincidence her sister took her camera everywhere she went, Janet Potter said. She would carry her camera in her purse, so she never missed a chance for a photo. Capen said her sister would print the pictures and pass them out to all of her friends.

"She loved to take (pictures)," Capen said. "But she never wanted to take them of scenery. She always wanted a person in it."

Janet Potter said her sister still took photos while she was in the nursing home, commemorating her time there with snapshots of her therapists, nurses and other staff members. She even convinced a special staff member to bring a daughter in for a picture.

Capen said she will continue her sister's tradition and pass out her sister's last photos to the Betz Nursing Home staff, so they can remember her for the loving, caring person she was.

"There was no one else like her," Capen said. "That's for sure."

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Anna Nicholas

LAKEWOOD, Ohio — Anna M. Nicholas, age 85, of Lakewood, Ohio, and formerly of LaOtto, died on Wednesday, March 16, 2011, at Lakewood Hospital in Lakewood.

She was born on Aug. 26, 1925, in Fort Wayne and was the daughter of the late John Wilbur and Margaret (Johnson) Anderson.

On Sept. 21, 1947, in Fort Wayne she married James Nicholas. He died on Dec. 12, 1992. She and her husband moved to Ohio where she was an administrative secretary at Lakewood Hospital. They then moved to LaOtto in 1978 when they both retired. She moved back to Lakewood six years ago to be closer to her family.

Mrs. Nicholas loved garage-saling, antique shops, sewing and working out in her yard, and she also enjoyed cooking for her family. She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and James Laubert of Grafton Township, Ohio; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Charles Nicholas of Lakewood, Ohio, and John and Kathy Nicholas of Parma, Ohio. Also surviving are two grandchildren, a sister, Sharon Peters of Auburn, and a sister-in-law, Betty Anderson of Auburn.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband and two brothers, John Wilbur Anderson Jr. and Thomas Anderson.

Funeral services for Mrs. Nicholas will be on Monday, March 21, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Pastor Justin Smoot will officiate.

Calling will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday before the service at the funeral home. Burial following will be at Swan Township Cemetery in LaOtto.

Memorials may be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

Santini Lucarelli

FORT WAYNE — Santini C. "Luke" Lucarelli, 68 years old, of Fort Wayne and formerly from Butler, Indiana, passed away peacefully in his home in Fort Wayne, Indiana, on Thursday, March 17, 2011.

During his retirement he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Luke was employed as welder at Abros Corporaton.

He married Linda Lucarelli on May 11, 1985, in Butler, Indiana.

He was preceded in death by his former wife, Rae Lucarelli; his parents; and a sister.

Surviving are his wife, Linda Lucarelli; his children, Judi and Jim Vance, Paul and Kelly Lucarelli, Chuck and Michelle Lucarelli, Todd and Bobbie Lucarelli, Jessica and Josh Smith, and Bill and Juanita Jackson; 14 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. at Midwest Funeral Home and Cremation Society, 4602 Newaygo Road, Fort Wayne.

Send online condolences to www.midwestfuneralhome.com.

Alex Lewis

KENDALLVILLE — Alex "Joe" Lewis, 64, of Ferdinand, Ind., died Sunday, March 6, 2011, at the IU Medical Center in Indianapolis.

Mr. Lewis had been a facilities engineer for 30 years with Sprint.

Mr. Lewis

He was a member of the Central Christian Church in Huntingburg, Ind., and the Kiwanis in Ferdinand.

He was born July 21, 1946, to Clifford Lewis and Della DeClue. He married Deena Holzbacher in July 2006 in Indianapolis.

Surviving are his wife, Deena Holzbacher Lewis of Ferdinand; a son, Terry Lewis of Kendallville; a daughter and son-in-law, Sheri Lewis Walkup and Chad Walkup of Kendallville; two stepdaughters, Carrie Ahaus of Chicago and and Erin Ahaus Contreras and her husband, Javier, of Indinapolis; and four grandchildren.

A celebration of life service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 26, at Bethel Christian Church, U.S. 6, Kendallville.

Calling will be from 1-3 p.m. March 26 at the church.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 20, 2011, Sunday

Roger Railsback

ORLAND — Roger Lee Railsback, 72, of Orland, died Friday, March 18, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Railsback

Mr. Railsback retired from Tenneco in Angola, IN.

He graduated from South Side High School in Fort Wayne and attended Indiana University.

He was a member of Angola Masonic Lodge, Mizpah Shrine of Fort Wayne and Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne.

He was born March 14, 1939, in Kokomo, to Vallee and Marguerite (Young) Railsback and they preceded him in death.

He married Sharon K. Brown on Feb. 16, 1971, in Fort Wayne.

Surviving are his wife, Sharon Railsback of Orland; a daughter and son-in-law, Cherrie and Jim Parker of St. Joe; a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Tammy Railsback of Sharpesville; a stepdaughter and her husband, Teresa and Tom Roebel of Angola; a stepson, Tim Cobb of Sharpesville; 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; a sister, Barbara Cassady of Fort Wayne; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by a son, Roger Lee Railsback, and a brother, Gary Railsback.

Private family services will take place.

Memorials are to the American Heart Association or Cameron Hospice.

The Beams Funeral Home of Fremont is handling arrangements.

Condolences may be left at www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Ervin Fetters

WAWAKA — Ervin J. Fetters Sr., 79, of Wawaka and formerly of St. Joe, died Friday March 18, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

He was born Dec. 4, 1931, in St. Joe to Paul and Ellen (White) Fetters.

Mr. Fetters worked at International Harvester in Fort Wayne for 30 years, retiring in 1979. He was an active member of the UAW Local 57. He was a U.S. Army Veteran serving in the Military Police from 1954-56.

He married Ruth Trenary on Dec. 14, 1952, in Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church and she survives.

Also surviving are three children, Douglas Fetters and his wife, Cher, of St. Joe, Dora Ross and her husband, Charles, of Elkhart and Ervin "Jake" Fetters Jr. and his wife, Cheryl, of Roanoke, Va.; eight grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; two sisters, Ruth Hart and her husband, Lester, of Antwerp, Ohio, and Esther Gandee and her husband, Steve, of Palm Coast, Fla.; and a brother, Arnold Fetters and his wife, Donna, of LaVonia, Ga.

Services will be Tuesday at 1 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, St. Joe.

Calling will be Monday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to a charity of the donor's choice.

Condolences may be left at www.fellerandclark.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 21, 2011, Monday

William Moyer

LAGRANGE — William "Bill" Moyer, 90, of LaGrange, died Saturday, March 19, 2011, at Miller's Merry Manor, LaGrange.

He was born on Aug. 30, 1920, in Fort Wayne to Harold and Edna (Dornick) Moyer.

He retired in 1982 as the superintendent for Reith-Riley Construction Co. in Goshen. He was an avid golfer and enjoyed playing with the Fort Wayne Railroaders. He was also a member of the Meridian Sun Lodge 76 F & AM, Scottish Rite Valley of Fort Wayne, Mizpah Shrine Club of Fort Wayne and the LaGrange County Shrine Club.

Bill served in the Army during World War II and was a member of the LaGrange American Legion Post 215. He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church in LaGrange.

On Dec. 13, 1969, he married Harriet J. (Domer) Fisher in Angola. She survives in LaGrange.

Also surviving are a daughter, Billie Jane Brown of Charlotte, N.C.; a son, Kim Moyer of Palm Coast, Fla.; a stepdaughter and son-in-law, Connie and Tom Garton of Rome City, a stepson, Steve Fisher and his companion, Gail Williams, of LaGrange; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

Preceding him in death were his parents; a stepson, Chris J. Fisher on July 29, 2003; and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at the Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., in LaGrange. Burial will take place in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange. The LaGrange American Legion Post 215 will provide military rites.

Visitation will be on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home. There will be a 7:30 p.m. Masonic service on Tuesday night.

Memorials may be directed to Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Online condolences may be submitted to the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com

Marcia Thayer

FORT WAYNE — Marcia Lynn (Adams) Thayer, 62, of Fort Wayne, died Saturday, March 19, 2011, in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. John Lutheran Church, 301 S. Orchard St., Kendallville.

Calling is Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

A full obituary will appear in Thursday's edition.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 22, 2011, Tuesday

William Herman

ANGOLA — William H. Herman, 86, died Sunday March 20, 2011, at Cameron Memorial Community Hospital in Angola.

Mr. Herman

Mr. Herman was born on June 6, 1924, in Fort Wayne to the late Howard L. and Violet (Young) Herman. He married Eleanor L. Gipe on February 13, 1943, in Bedford, Indiana.

William was a Navy Veteran serving during World War II.

He was the former owner of the Waynedale Marathon.

William was a member of the Angola United Methodist Church, a past master of Waynedale Masonic Lodge # 739 and a member of the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite.

Surviving William is his wife, Eleanor of Angola; three daughters, Linda Scheumann of Fremont, Elizabeth Hull of Louisville, Ky., and Margaret (Rocky) Bormann of Fort Wayne; a sister, Betty Rosselot of Leo, Ind.; two brothers, Bob Herman and Tom Herman, both of Tunkhannock, Pa.; his grandchildren, Liz (Joe) Thomas, Nathan (Penny) Scheumann, Sarah (Adam) Engle, Cliff and Alex Hull and Dan Bormann; and six great-grandchildren.

Calling will be today, Tuesday, March 22, 2011, from 5-8 p.m. at the H.E. Johnson and Sons Funeral Home at 108 S. West St., Angola.

Services will be Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at the Angola United Methodist Church, 220 W. Maumee St., Angola, at 2 p.m. with calling from noon until the service time. Pastor Tim Terrell will officiate.

Burial will be Friday, March 25, 2011, at 2 p.m. at Greenlawn Memorial Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to the Angola United Methodist Church.

To sign the guest book or leave condolences go to: www.hejohnsonfh.com.

Robert White

BUTLER — Robert L. White 72, died Monday, March 21, 2011, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

A graveside memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Friday at Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton

Memorials are to the family in care of Robert N. White, P.O. Box 15 Butler, IN 46721.

H.E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

Anna Stadick

KENDALLVILLE — Anna Marie Stadick, 72, of Kendallville died Sunday, March 20, 2011, at her residence.

Miss Stadick

She moved to this area in 1995, coming from Chicago.

She worked as a file clerk for the Meat Cutters Union, as a clerk in grocery stores, and did factory work while living in Chicago.

She was born March 20, 1939, in Chicago to Edward A. and Anna (Machek) Stadick.

Surviving are a sister, Emily J. Napier of Rome City; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Franklin J. Stadick of Chicago, James J. Stadick, Frederick A. and Linda Stadick of Chicago, and Jeanette M. Stadick of Winfield, Ill.; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, a brother-in-law, Ishmael Napier, and a nephew, John A. Stadick.

Funeral services will be Wednesday at 2 p.m., with calling from noon until service time, in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with Pastor Tom Dyson officiating.

Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 22, 2011, Tuesday

Vanetta Zimmerman

CRESTLINE, Ohio — Vanetta H. Zimmerman 92, of Crestline died Monday, March 21, 2011, at Crestline Nursing Home following a brief illness.

Mrs. Zimmerman

Mrs. Zimmerman was born in Shelby, on April 28, 1918, to the late Lewis and Mildred (Elson) Davis. She married Roscoe C. Zimmerman on August 17, 1940, and he preceded her on Feb. 5, 1974.

Vanetta resided five years in Crestline with her daughter, coming from Garrett, Ind., where she attended First Church of Christ Church.

She enjoyed baking, especially pies.

She is survived by one daughter, Annette Smith of Crestline; several nieces and nephews, Joan (Zimmerman) and Ervin Swartz of Bluffton, Ind., Marilyn Reynolds Neal of Solvang, Calif., Richard and Barbara Reynolds of Gobles, Mich., Robert and Mary Patrick of Everton, Ariz., and Bruce Patrick of Tyler, Texas; two brothers-in-law, Ralph and Tressie Zimmerman and George and Marjorie Zimmerman; and two sisters-in-law, Ruth Z. Reynolds and Mabel and Stanley Patrick.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Everett Smith.

Friends may call Wednesday, March 23, 2011, from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m at the Mark A. Schneider Funeral Home, Crestline. Funeral services will be hel at 10 a.m. on Thursday, March 24, at the funeral home with the Rev. Dr. Ronald A. Kline officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. at Christian Union Cemetery i Garrett, Ind.

On line condolences may be made to the family at masfh.com

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 23, 2011, Wednesday

Lillian Lung

AVILLA — Lillian Lucille Lung, age 88, of Avilla slipped away to Heaven on Monday evening, March 21, 2011, in her Avilla home.

Mrs. Lung

"Lucy" was a lifetime area resident.

She was born in Kendallville on December 12, 1922, to Fred and Florence (Kuhn) Fought.

Lucy married Arnold Lung on November 18, 1950, and he preceded her in death in 1974.

She worked for the Essex Group in Kendallville for many years before retiring.

Lucy enjoyed attending the South Milford Church of Christ in Wolcottville with her friends. She also enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, watching TV and gambling at casinos. Lucy loved flowers,drinking Mountain Dew and eating oatmeal. She also liked to travel, taking a special trip with Bob Seavers from WOWO to Fuji, New Zealand and Australia.

Lucy will be remembered for her orneriness, Easter egg hunts at the farm, picnics at the lake cottage and baking homemade pies and bread.

Survivors include one sister, Betty and William Gerbeth of South Bend; two nephews, David Lash of Kendallville and Larry "Butch" Lash of Kendallville; seven nieces, Dora and Norm Hartman of Kendallville, Wendy and Kellen Smith of Kendallville, Nancy and Jack Traxler of Avilla, Roxanne and Lee Ewing, Susan and Paul Jones, Valarie and Bill Strycker, and Cynthia and John Lambrechts; 19 great-nieces and nephews; 14 great-great-nieces and nephews; and three great-great-great-nieces and nephews.

Lucy is survived by her special-caregivers Ashley, Nate and Aryanna Rodenbeck, Lynn, Brenda, Austin and Aaron Lash.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Arnold Lung died in 1974; one brother, James Fought died in 1950; one sister, Modesta Lash died in 2006; and one niece, Carolyn Lash died in 2010.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 24, 2011, from 4-7 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 25, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to donor's choice.

Casketbearers will be Lynn Lash, Jimmy Lash, Austin Lash, Nate Rodenbeck, Kellen Smith and Zach Smith.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Lillian by Thursday, March 24, 2011, at www.hitefuneralhome.com

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Karolyn Hall

KENDALLVILLE — Karolyn K. Hall, 53, of Kendallville and formerly of Garrett, died on Sunday, March 20, 2011, at Parkview Noble Hospital.

She was born July 22, 1957, in Auburn to Roy and Pauline Combs and they preceded her in death. She married Hassell P. Hall in September of 1999 and he survives in Kendallville.

Also surviving is her daughter and son in-law, Tara and Eric Halderman of Kendallville; a grandson, Shane Halderman; a granddaughter, Sara Halderman; a grandson, Shawn Halderman; and a granddaughter, Kaitlynn Halderman, all of Kendallville.

She was also preceded in death by two sisters, Judith Charles and Peggy Helblig.

The funeral service will be held on Friday, March 25, 2011, at 1 p.m. at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56, Garrett. Burial will follow in Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville. The Rev. David Mix will officiate.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, March 24, 2011, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Riley Children's Hospital

To send a condolence or sign the online guest book visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 23, 2011, Wednesday

Joseph Carper

AUBURN — Joseph E. Carper, 89, died Monday March 21, 2011 at Betz Nursing Home in Auburn.

He was born December 10, 1921, in Auburn to Howard L. and Mina P. (Mitchell) Carper.

He was an Operations Supervisor for 37 years for Northern Indiana Fuel and Light Company in Auburn, retiring in 1989.

He was a WWII U.S. Navy veteran. He served as a Chief Metal Smith from 1941 to 1947.

Mr. Carper was a 60-year member of the Garrett American Legion Post 178 and a life member of the Garrett VFW.

He married Eleanore M. Pfeffer on Nov. 1, 1944, in Chicago and she died in 1989.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Arlene M. and William Knott of LaOtto; three grandchildren, Tim (JoEllen) Knott of Garrett, Rob (Rebecca) Knott of Garrett and Heidi (Kevin) Crowl of Auburn; seven great-grandchildren, Jake (Mallory) Clifford, Colby Knott, Jordyn Knott, Katie Knott, Kallie Knott, Logan Rinehold and Josie Rinehold; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Ralph and Wilma Carper of Auburn and Aden Carper of Auburn; and two sisters and a brother-in-law, Ellen and Orville Shyrock of Fort Wayne and Sally Martin of Auburn.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife; and seven brothers, Robert L. Carper, Harold L. Carper, Arthur H. Carper, Samuel E. Carper, Iden Carper, Charlie Carper and John Carper.

Services are at 3 p.m. Friday, March 25, 2011, at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery, Auburn.

Calling is four hours prior to the service Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials can be directed to County Line Church of God Worship Arts or DeKalb County Fair Association.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Robert White

BUTLER — Robert L. White, 72, of Butler died Monday, March 21, 2011, at the Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home.

He was born February 6, 1939, in Catlettsburg, Kentucky, to Robert and Ella (Caldwell) White.

Robert is survived by a son, Robert N. White of Butler; special extended family, Jarvis and Anita (Jordan) Hollar of Waterloo, Ken Jordan of Hamilton, Warren D. Jordan of Kentucky and Mark Jordan of Ohio; a sister, Maria Hatton of Ohio; four grandchildren, Michael White, Shelby White, Joshua White and Dylan White; and a great-grandchild, Renseme White.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a special friend Ida Jordan; a sister, Grace Bradley; and a brother, Franklin D. White.

A family graveside service will be held on Friday at 4 p.m. at Eddy Cemetery, Hamilton, with the Rev. Stanley Hammond officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to the family in care of Robert N. White, P.O. Box 15 Butler, IN 46721.

H. E. Johnson & Sons Funeral Home, Butler, is in charge of arrangements.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 23, 2011, Wednesday

Wilda Murphy

HICKSVILLE, Ohio — Wilda Murphy, 86, died Tuesday, March 22, 2011 at Community Memorial Hospital.

Services are Saturday at 10 a.m. at Grace United Methodist Church, Hicksville.

Visitation will be Friday from 2-5 and 6-8 p.m. at Smith & Brown Funeral Home, Hicksville.

Memorial contributions may be made to Gideon's International, Crippled Children and Adult Society or Grace United Methodist Church.

Marcia Thayer

FORT WAYNE — Marcia Lynn (Adams) Thayer, 62, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, March 19, 2011 at 1:40 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.

Funeral services will be Saturday at 11 a.m. in St. John Lutheran Church, 301 South Oak St., Kendallville, with Rev. Paul B. Griebel and Rev. Dr. Robert Shriner officiating.

Calling is Friday from 4 to 8 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 South State Street, Kendallville and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

Roy Humble

LAGRANGE — Roy William Humble, 72, of Justice, Ill., died Sunday March 20, 2011, at the Edward Hines Jr. VA Hospital in Hines, Ill., after battling a long illness.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the Carney-Frost Funeral Home, LaGrange.

Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Thursday the funeral home. Burial will be in Greenwood Cemetery, LaGrange, with full military rites by the American Legion Post 215.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 23, 2011, Wednesday

June Pauline Hadley, 86

June Pauline (Leiter) Hadley, 86, a resident of rural LaOtto and widow of Vaughan A. Hadley, passed away at 2:55 p. m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne. She had been a patient there since Wednesday after suffering an apparent stroke.

Mrs. Hadley was born on June 3, 1924 in Noble County, a daughter of Clarence Samuel and Pearl Edith (Wood) Leiter. She spent her formative years in Swan Township, and graduated from Huntertown High School in 1943.

As a young woman she had worked at Essex Wire in Fort Wayne for 13 years, and was married at Simpson United Methodist Church in Fort Wayne to Vaughan A. Hadley on May 21, 1954. She and her husband lived in Fort Wayne for a period before moving to the family farm in Swan Township where she spent most of her adult life.

She was a longtime member of Simpson United Methodist Church, a member of Churubusco Order of the Eastern Star 136, and a member of Sigma Phi Gama Sorority. As an outstanding homemaker who deeply loved her family, she was an exceptional cook, hostess, seamstress, and an avid bird watcher. She had a green thumb in the garden and possessed expert skills in growing orchids and plants.

Mr. Hadley preceded her in death on April 22, 2004.

The surviving relatives include her daughter Sandra S. Hadley of rural LaOtto; two sisters Mary (Louie) Peduto of Shelbyville and Dorothy Martin of Kendallville; a brother Ray (Patsy) Leiter of LaOtto; and a multitude of nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by four brothers Glen Leiter, Glade Leiter, Robert Leiter, and Cleo Leiter; and by three sisters, Carrie Russell, Helen Thorn, and Gladys McNabb.

Funeral services were held on Saturday, March 19, 2011, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Edward E. Kester, pastor of Simpson United Methodist Church, officiating.

Interment was in the Hooper-King Cemetery, west of Avilla.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to the Shriner's Hospital For Children or Simpson United Methodist Church.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Hadley's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 23, 2011, Wednesday

Anna M. Nicholas, 85

Anna M. Nicholas, age 85 of Lakewood, Ohio and formerly of LaOtto, died on Wednesay, March 16, 2011 at Lakewood Hospital in Lakewood.

She was born on August 26, 1925 in Fort Wayne, Indiana and was the daughter of the late John Wilbur and Margaret (Johnson) Anderson.

On September 21, 1947 in Fort Wayne she married James Nicholas. He died on December 12, 1992. She and her husband moved to Ohio where she was an Administrative Secretary at Lakewood Hospital. They then moved to LaOtto in 1978 when they both retired. She moved back to Lakewood six years ago to be closer to her family.

Mrs. Nicholas loved garage-saling, antique shops, sewing and working out in her yard. She also enjoyed cooking for her family. She was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in LaOtto.

Surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and James Laubert of Grafton Township, Ohio; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Charles Nicholas of Lakewood, Ohio and John and Kathy Nicholas of Parma, Ohio. Also surviving are two grandchildren; a sister, Sharon Peters of Auburn; and a sister-in-law, Betty Anderson of Auburn.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and two brothers, John Wilbur Anderson Jr., and Thomas Anderson.

Funeral services for Mrs. Nicholas were on Monday, March 21, 2011 at Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel. Pastor Justin Smoot officiated.

Burial followed at Swan Township Cemetery in LaOtto.

Memorials may be made to donor's choice.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 23, 2011, Wednesday

Donnis Leila Goneau, 83

Donnis Leila Goneau, age 83, of Avilla, died on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at her home in Avilla.

Mrs. Goneau was born in Churubusco, Indiana on January 13, 1928 to the late Dwight and Estella (McCoy) Parish.

She graduated from Churubusco High School in 1946.

She married Donald Lawrence Goneau on February 5, 1949 at St. Peters Catholic Church in Fort Wayne.

Donnis was a waitress at the St. James Restaurant in Avilla for 18 years. Before that she waitressed at the American Legion Post #82 in Fort Wayne.

Donnis was a wonderfully talented seamstress and she also loved to quilt.

She enjoyed spending time in her yard, mowing grass, and gardening.

She loved to play Bingo at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Avilla and the Butler American Legion Post #202.

Donnis also enjoyed working word puzzles.

Survivors include her husband, Donald Goneau of Avilla; daughters, Rochelle Hein of Fort Wayne, Lisa and Dan Danielson of Anchorage, Alaska, and Holly Goneau of Garrett; sons, Patrick and Lynne Goneau of Bradenton, Florida, Kim and Wanda Goneau of Fort Wayne, and Kelly and Loretta Goneau of Tok, Alaska; 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren; brother, Dallas and Gloria Parish of Churubusco; sisters, Dwila and Don Bloom of Alpharetta, Georgia, and Carman Horn of Ohio.

She was also preceded in death by her three brothers, Warren Disler, Randol Disler and Dick Parish.

Funeral services were Saturday, March 19, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home.

Officiating the funeral service was Fr. Edward Erpelding.

Burial was at St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery in Avilla.

Preferred memorials may be made to Indiana Organ Procurement Organization or the Noble County Humane Society.

Casketbearers were her sons, Patrick, Kim, and Kelly Goneau; and her grandsons, Matt Hein, Jeremy Hein and Jake Farnsworth.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 23, 2011, Wednesday

Nora Jane Bair, 90

Nora Jane Bair, 90, a former resident of Green Township in Noble County, passed away at 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2011, at North Ridge Village Nursing Home in Albion following an extended illness.

Ms. Bair was born on February 8, 1921 in Noble County, a daughter of Ebony E. and Ada (Haney) Bair. A 1939 graduate of Churubusco High School, she graduated from business college in Fort Wayne, and spent all of her life on the family farm in Green Township.

As a young woman she was employed at General Electric in Fort Wayne, and retired after over 30 years from the offices of Albion Production Credit Association. A member of the Merriam Christian Chapel, she had served as the treasurer of its missions board and was also the coordinator for church funeral dinners. An accomplished seamstress, she had made gowns for countless weddings and events over the years, and made the first drapes for the baptistery of her church.

Because of her sewing abilities, she served as a judge for the 4-H dress revue for many years, and had also volunteered in the office at the Noble County 4-H Fair.

She enjoyed watching sporting events, and especially enjoyed watching her nieces and nephews in athletic competitions.

The surviving relatives include her sister Mary Lois Edwards of Albion; a sister-in-law, Anita Bair of Churubusco; 16 nieces and nephews; and several great and great-great nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by a sister Pauline Delanoy; and by three brothers Ralph L. Bair, Paul Bair, Sr., and Lynn I. Bair.

Funeral services were held on Monday, March 21, 2011, at the Merriam Christian Chapel, with Pastor Terry L. Zolman, officiating.

Interment was held in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the Merriam Christian Chapel Missions Fund; or to Shriner's Hospital For Children.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Ms. Bair's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 23, 2011, Wednesday

Lillian Lucille Lung, 88

Lillian Lucille Lung, age 88, of Avilla slipped away to Heaven on Monday evening in her Avilla home. "Lucy" was a lifetime area resident. She was born in Kendallville on December 12, 1922 to Fred and Florence (Kuhn) Fought.

Lucy married Arnold Lung on November 18, 1950 and he preceded her in death in 1974.

She worked for the Essex Group in Kendallville for many years before retiring.

Lucy enjoyed attending the South Milford Church of Christ in Wolcottville with friends. She also enjoyed doing crossword puzzles, watching TV and gambling at casinos. Lucy loved flowers, drinking Mountain Dew and eating oatmeal. She also liked to travel, taking a special trip with Bob Seavers from WOWO to Fuji, New Zealand and Australia.

Lucy will be remembered for her orneriness, Easter egg hunts at the farm, picnics at the lake cottage and baking homemade pies and bread.

Survivors include a sister, Betty and William Gerbeth of South Bend; two nephews, David Lash and Larry "Butch" Lash, both of Kendallville; seven nieces, Dora and Norm Hartman of Kendallville, Wendy and Kellen Smith of Kendallville, Nancy and Jack Traxler of Avilla, Roxanne and Lee Ewing, Susan and Paul Jones, Valarie and Bill Strycker, and Cynthia and John Lambrechts.; 19 great-nieces and nephews; 14 great-great-nieces and nephews and three great-great-great-nieces and nephews.

Lucy is survived by her special-caregivers; Ashley, Nate and Aryanna Rodenbeck, Lynn, Brenda, Austin and Aaron Lash.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Arnold Lung died in 1974; one brother, James Fought, died in 1950; one sister, Modesta Lash died in 2006; and one niece, Carolyn Lash died in 2010.

Visitation will be Thursday, March 24, 2011 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Friday, March 25, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home of Kendallville.

Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Kendallville.

Preferred memorials may be made to donor's choice.

Casketbearers will be Lynn Lash, Jimmy Lash, Austin Lash, Nate Rodenbeck, Kellen Smith and Zach Smith.

Send a condolence to the family or view a video tribute of Lillian by Thursday, March 24, 2011 at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 24, 2011, Thursday

Billy Johnson

LIGONIER — Billy L. Johnson, 64, of Ligonier died at 5:58 a.m. Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at Avalon Village in Ligonier following an extended illness.

Mr. Johnson

Mr. Johnson was a lifetime area resident.

He had worked at Starcraft in Goshen for more than 25 years prior to his retirement.

Mr. Johnson was a member of the Wawasee Lakeside Chapel. Above all he loved the Lord.

He was an avid golfer.

He was born November 25, 1946, in Wolf Lake, Ind., to Charles E. and Effie (Brown) Johnson.

Surviving are his former wife and best friend, Jeane Pauley of Albion, Ind.; two sons, Matthew (Shawn) Johnson of Syracuse, Ind., and Andrew (April) Johnson of Cromwell, Ind.; grandchildren, Chase, Mandy, Drew, Ian and Van Johnson; and three siblings, Lester (Skinny) Barnard of Westville, Ind., Charles (Paula) Johnson of Bartlett, Tenn., and Mary Jane Hare of Fort Myers, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert Dean Johnson.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 26, at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, with Pastor Harlan Steffan and Pastor Troy Diersing officiating. Burial will be in Syracuse Cemetery in Syracuse, Ind.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Friday, March 25, at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Church Street Station, P.O. Box 780, New York, N.Y. 10008 or Wawasee Lakeside Chapel, 10419 N. Turkey Creek Road, Syracuse, IN 46567.

Send online condolences to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Thelma Leitch

CHURUBUSCO — Thelma J. Leitch, 101, of Churubusco died Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at her home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p. m. on Sunday at the Churubusco United Methodist Church. Interment will be in the Riverview Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 2-6 p.m. Saturday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco and one hour prior to the service Sunday at the church.

Memorials are to Churubusco United Methodist Church or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

Juanita Rhodes

GARRETT — Juanita N. Rhodes, 89, of Garrett died Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at The Cedars in Leo.

Mrs. Rhodes

Mrs. Rhodes had worked at GE in Fort Wayne for 39 years, retiring in 1982.

She was a member of the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

She was born Aug. 23, 1921, in Garrett to Fred and Emma (Gieser) Brinkman. She married Kenneth W. Rhodes on June 25, 1950, in Garrett. He died Feb. 18, 1986.

She is survived by a brother in-law, Chester Smith; a sister in-law, Margaret Brinkman; nephews Steve Culler, Paul Culler, Sam Culler, Fred Smith and Jeff Smith; nieces Joyce Bradley, Rosemary Henderson, Dottie Pinnick, Barbara Balgoyen and Karen Brinkman; and several great nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; two brothers, Charles and Paul Brinkman; and two sisters, Ruth Culler and Betty Smith.

Funeral services will be at noon Saturday at Thomas Funeral Home, 1277 C.R. 56.

Burial will be in Christian Union Cemetery.

Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until noon Saturday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Garrett Presbyterian Church.

To send a condolence or sign the online guest book visit www.thomasfuneralhome.org

THE NEWS SUN
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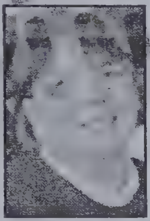
March 24, 2011, Thursday

Marcia Thayer

KENDALLVILLE — Marcia Lynn (Adams) Thayer, 62, of Fort Wayne died Saturday, March 19, 2011, at 1:40 p.m. in Lutheran Hospital, Fort Wayne.



Mrs. Thayer

She lived in Fort Wayne seven years, coming from Kendallville where she lived for 11 years. She was a teacher and a homemaker.

Marcia graduated in 1968 from Concordia Junior College in Ann Arbor, Michigan. She also graduated in 1970 from Concordia College in Nebraska, with a bachelor's degree in education and English literature.

She was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Kendallville.

A note Marcia wrote in her Bible states, *"Celebrate grace; make disciples; make a difference."*

She was born March 27, 1948, in Sidney, Ohio, to John and Lois (Nichols Deemer) Adams. They survive in Atlanta, Georgia.

On August 1, 1970, in Thompson, Ohio, she married Lyman Thayer. He survives in Fort Wayne.

Also surviving are a sister, Mollie Burrows of Atlanta, Georgia; a sister/cousin, Janet Dailey of Fort Wayne; her daughters-by-choice, Pam Ordway of Auburn, Becky Fortriede of Fort Wayne, and Susie Ginger of Kendallville; and her grandchildren-by-choice, Alyssa Ordway, Tristan Ordway, Peter Fortriede, Zachary Fortriede, Evan Fortriede, Jack Fortriede, Alyssa Ginger, and Jonathan Ginger.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Alga and Esther (Gibson) Adams.

Funeral services will be Saturday, March 26, 2011, at 11 a.m. in St. John Lutheran Church, 301 S. Oak St., Kendallville, with the Rev. Paul B. Griebel and the Rev. Dr. Robert Shriner officiating.

Calling is Friday, March 25, 2011, from 4 to 8 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, and one hour before services at the church on Saturday.

Preferred memorials are to the family.

"*And we know that in all things [including…] God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28*

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com

Deloris Gaff

CHURUBUSCO — Deloris M. Gaff, 85, of Churubusco died Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital.

Funeral services will be at 10 a. m. Saturday at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco. Interment will be in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Christ Community Church.

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Vanetta Zimmerman

CRESTLINE, Ohio — Vanetta H. Zimmerman 92, of Crestline died Monday, March 21, 2011, at Crestline Nursing Home following a brief illness.

Mrs. Zimmerman

Mrs. Zimmerman was born in Shelby, on April 28, 1918, to the late Lewis and Mildred (Elson) Davis. She married Roscoe C. Zimmerman on August 17, 1940, and he preceded her on Feb. 5, 1974.

Vanetta resided five years in Crestline with her daughter, coming from Garrett, Ind., where she attended First Church of Christ Church.

She enjoyed baking, especially pies.

She is survived by one daughter, Annette Smith of Crestline; and several nieces and nephews, Joan (Zimmerman) and Ervin Swartz of Bluffton, Ind., Marilyn Reynolds Neal of Solvang, Calif., Richard and Barbara Reynolds of Gobles, Mich., Robert and Mary Patrick of Everton, Ariz., and Bruce Patrick of Tyler, Texas.

In addition to her husband, she was preceded in death by her son-in-law, Everett Smith; two brothers-in-law, Ralph and Tressie Zimmerman and George and Marjorie Zimmerman; and two sisters-in-law, Ruth Z. Reynolds and Mabel and Stanley Patrick.

Visitation was Wednesday at the Mark A. Schneider Funeral Home, Crestline.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. today, Thursday, March 24, at the funeral home with Rev. Dr. Ronald A. Kline officiating. Burial will be at 3 p.m. today at Christian Union Cemetery in Garrett, Ind.

On line condolences may be made to the family at masfh.com

THE NEWS SUN
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Naomi Darr

EDON, Ohio — Naomi L. Darr, age 90, of Edon, Ohio, died at 1:10 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at Bryan Care and Rehabilitation Center in Bryan, Ohio.

Mrs. Darr was a 1938 graduate of Edgerton High School.

She was a member of the Edon American Legion Auxiliary, Elliot Chapter #271 Order of the Eastern Star, and the Edgerton Church of Christ.

Naomi L. Darr was born on October 7, 1920, in Edgerton, Ohio, the daughter of Howard and Mary (Sindel) Hootman. She married Gerald A. Darr on July 8, 1941, in Georgetown, Ohio, and he preceded her in death on December 12, 2000.

Mrs. Darr is survived by two daughters, Linda (Van) Gehl, of Auburn, Indiana, and Carol (Fred) Moore, of Defiance, Ohio; one son, Thomas (Kathryn) Darr, of Plymouth, Wisconsin; nine grandchildren, Thomas Darr, Tim (Lisa) Darr, Tad (Marie) Darr, Kristin (Darr) and Joe Hoem, Melynda (Gehl) and Eric Deardorf, Melissa (Gehl) and Jamie Held, Kami (Moore) and Eric Diehl, Todd (Ann) Moore, and Reid (Jasmine) Moore; and 20 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by two brothers, Audrew and Gaylord Hootman, and one sister, Velta Bechtol.

Graveside services for Naomi L. Darr will be held on Saturday, March 26, 2011, at 11 a.m. in Maple Grove Cemetery in Edgerton, with D.V. Dillinger, minister, officiating.

Memorials in the name of Naomi L. Darr may be given to a charity of the donor's choice.

Krill Funeral Service in Edon is handling arrangements.

To sign the online register or to send condolences, please visit www.krillfuneralservice.com.

John Foley

AUBURN — A memorial service for John L. Foley, 85, of Auburn will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Auburn.

The family will visit and receive friends after the service from 3-7 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorials are to Eckhart Public Library, the Hoosier Air Museum or the Auburn Cord Duesenburg Museum.

Mr. Foley died March 16, 2011.

Bruce Williams

AUBURN — Bruce E. Williams, 73, died Thursday, March 24, 2011, at Wesley Health Care in Auburn.

Mr. Williams was a union arbitrator for the UAW.

He graduated in 1955 from Auburn High School.

Mr. Williams was a member of the UAW and Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge #1107. He received the Sagamore of the Wabash Award from Gov. Evan Bayh.

He was born April 23, 1937, in Muncie to Harold and Eva Mae (Miller) Williams. He married Carol Vogts on Nov. 18, 1989, in Columbia City and she died Jan. 8, 2008.

He is survived by a daughter and son-in-law, Rhonda and Stanley Freed of Auburn; a son, Aric Williams of Wolcottville; three stepchildren, Tabitha (Greg) Lanning of Warsaw, Tiffini Vogts of Fort Wayne and Todd Vogts of Fort Wayne; 13 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; a sister Jackie (Ralph) Carnahan of Auburn; a brother, Hal (Marlene) Williams of Auburn; and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, with Pastor David Cripe officiating.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be given to Wesley Health Care Center or Loyal order or the Moose Lodge # 1107.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Frank Bueker Jr.

AUBURN — Frank Henry Bueker Jr., 92, of Auburn died March 24, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn.

Mr. Bueker

He was born in Fort Wayne on May 24, 1918 to Frank H. and Adella (Ehrman) Bueker Sr.

Frank was a 1936 graduate of North Side High School in Fort Wayne and was a 1940 graduate of the University of Miami Florida.

He served in the South Pacific during WWII in the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, 866 Engineers, from 1942 to 1946.

He was a Public Accountant for 2 years then Vice President-Treasurer for Messenger Corporation in Auburn from 1946 to 1980. He was Accountant for Eckhart Public Library from 1980 to 2005.

Frank loved music and he played the French horn for New Sentinel Boys Band, Fort Wayne Philharmonic from 1946 to 1985, Mizpah Shrine Band for 43 years, Auburn Community Band for 25 years, American Legion Post 47 Band for 59 years and Knights Templar Band of Fort Wayne.

He was a member of National Association of Accountants of Fort Wayne, DeKalb Memorial Hospital Corporate Board from 1964 to 2011, Auburn Cord Duesenburg Museum volunteer from 1980 to 2008, Auburn JC's, Auburn Lions Club for 58 years, Sol D Bayless Masonic Lodge # 359 from 1942 to 2011, lifetime member of the Fort Wayne Scottish Rite, Fort Wayne Mizpah Shrine, Cedar Creek Shrine Club, Fort Wayne Knights Templar, American Legion Post # 97 of Auburn, Fort Wayne Musicians Association and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia of the University of Miami Florida

Frank married Helen Elizabeth Kreischer on May 24, 1947, in the Trinity English Lutheran Church in Fort Wayne and she survives in Auburn.

He is also survived by a son, Stephen Bueker of Easton, Pa.; a daughter, Karen Bueker of Auburn; a granddaughter, Nicole McKean and her husband Ben of St. Joe ;and great-grandchildren, Nikalys McKean and Rylie McKean.

Services will be 11 a.m. Monday, March 28, 2011, at St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Auburn, with the Rev. Stephen Kummernuss officiating.

Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Auburn, and also 1 hour prior to the service at the church Monday.

In lieu of flowers the family asks that memorials be directed to St Mark's Lutheran Church, Shriners Children's Hospital or DeKalb County Council on Aging.

To send condolences visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Kenneth Trueblood

ASHLEY — Kenneth W. Trueblood, 50, of Ashley died Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at his home.

Mr. Trueblood had been employed as a cook in several area restaurants.

He was born in Hawaii on Feb 15, 1961, to Lois and Edna (Hogan) Trueblood.

Surviving are two sisters, Ellen (Keith) Dietrich of Ashley and Teresa (Bob) Hatten of Lafayette, Ind.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Marsha.

There will be no calling or services.

Johnson Funeral Home, Hudson, is in charge of arrangements.

Send condolences to www.dalejohnsonfh.com.

SuAnn Gray

GARRETT — SuAnn Gray, 42, of Garrett died Wednesday, March 23, 2011, at her home.

Private services were held at Pinnington-McComb Funeral and Cremation Services, 502 N. Main St., Auburn.

THE NEWS SUN
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Patricia McLallin

LIGONIER — Patricia A. McLallin, 86, of Ligonier, Ind., passed away on Thursday, March 24, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in Northridge Village, Albion, Ind.

Mrs. McLallin

She was born on March 10, 1925, in Kendallville, Ind., to Paul Eugene and Leone Castor (Richards) Warford. She married Gerald W. McLallin on June 20, 1943. He preceded her in death in 2008.

She was a lifelong area resident and had farmed with her husband for over 50 years.

Over the years she was very active and supportive of the community, volunteering for various organizations. She was also a faithful and active member of Sparta Church for over 68 years, during which time she taught Adult Sunday School for 20 plus years.

Survivors include one son, Michael (Dianne) McLallin of Kendallville, Ind.; one son-in-law: Ned Gardner of Buchanan, Mich.; four daughters, Penelope (Art) Johnson of Indianapolis, Ind., Paula Routson of Freeport, Ill., Pia (Dan) Brauser of Irving, Texas, and Peggy (Eric) Genshaw of Syracuse, Ind.; one sister, Dottie Grant of Richmond, Va.; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Prudence Gardner; her parents; and one brother, Richard Warford.

Services will be held on Monday, March 28, 2011, at 11 a.m., at Yeager Funeral Home, 1589 Lincolnway South, Ligonier, Ind., with the Rev. Curryanne Hostetler officiating. Burial will follow at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell, Ind.

Friends may call on Sunday, March 27, 2011, from 2-6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sparta Church, 2738 N U.S. 33; Kimmell, IN 46760 or the Prudence E. Gardner Memorial Scholarship Fund c/o Peggy Genshaw, 1213 Shore Lane, Syracuse, IN 46567.

Online Condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

Rosa Whetstone

LIGONIER — Rosa M. (Eash) Whetstone, 90, of Topeka, died Friday, March 25, 2011.

Funeral services are Monday at the Marlin G. Yoder residence, 7585 West 500S., Topeka.

Calling is Saturday after 2 p.m. and all day Sunday at the Glen Lehman residence, 8480 West 500 S, Topeka.

Arrangements are by Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier.

Eloise Vachon

AUBURN — Eloise Vachon, 92, died Friday, March 25, 2011 at Laurels of DeKalb in Butler.

She was born in Corunna, Indiana, June 2, 1918, to Merle and Dora (McCullough) Holmes.

Eloise was a graduate of Waterloo High School.

She retired as a bank teller for the former City National Bank in Auburn.

She married Willard "Bill" Vachon on July 28, 1938, in Angola. He died July 26, 1984.

She is survived by two daughters and a son-in-law, Karen and Fred Diehl of Auburn and Darla Krafft of Butler; four granddaughters, Jennifer (Scott) Ewaskowitz of Schofield, Wis., Debra (Rick) Weathers of Simpsonville, S.C., Shayna (Mark) Stucky of Warren, Ind., and Melissa (Danny Hankey) Krafft of Butler, Ind.; and seven great-grandchildren, Nicholas Ewaskowitz, Noah Weathers, Joshua Weathers, Harrison Weathers, Blake Stucky, Jesse Hankey and Jada Hankey.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; two brothers, Homer Holmes and Harry Holmes; and a sister, Helene Holmes.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 28, 2011, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo with the Rev. Richard Pickard officiating. Burial is in Corunna Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling is Sunday from 2 to 5 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be directed to DeKalb County Humane Shelter or Farmers & Hunters Feeding the Hungry.

To send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

THE NEWS SUN
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Crash kills 4 from Steuben

Collide head-on in Alabama

FROM STAFF REPORTS

CLANTON, Ala. — Four Angola-area young men died in a head-on crash Saturday in central Alabama, according to police reports.

Alexx Bauer, Matthew Roe, Evan Weaver and Riley Zimmer were killed in the crash, according to Indiana State Police.

The crash also killed a fifth person, an Alabama resident who was an occupant of the other vehicle involved, police said.

Reports said the Angola-area residents were returning from spring break when the crash occurred Saturday around 4 p.m. Indiana time.

The local residents' car collided head-on with another vehicle on I-65 in Chilton County, Ala., about 25 miles north of Montgomery, said Cpl. Steve Smith of the Alabama Department of Public Safety.

One vehicle crossed the median and entered the oncoming lane, where it struck another vehicle head-on, Smith said. He was not able to say which vehicle crossed the median or which was carrying the Angola-area residents.

Bauer

A Montgomery, Ala., television station's website reported that state troopers said severe weather could have played a role in the crash. Readers posting comments on the website said hail and possible tornadoes were occurring near the crash site.

Zimmer

Three other people involved in the crash were taken to hospitals with what were believed to be minor injuries, the website for WFSA television reported.

The website said the crash backed up traffic for miles on the interstate highway.

THE NEWS SUN
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March 27, 2011, Sunday

Faith, family and country

'There was never a dull moment' with Jack Kurtz

BY DENNIS NARTKER
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ALBION — Jack Lindy Kurtz was proud of his faith, his loyalty to his family and his service to his country in the U.S. Army during the World War II cleanup and in combat with the U.S. Navy during the Korean War.

Faith, family and country would be the guiding principles for his life.

Mr. Kurtz, 80, of Albion and Avilla, died Sunday, March 6, 2011.

"We were friends for over 60 years," said Robert Coil of Albion. "We fished, scuba-dived and camped together. There was never a dull moment with Jack. I miss him like a brother."

Jack Kurtz

At his funeral at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Albion, Pastor Phyllis Smoot gathered the young children to talk about the Kurtz family patriarch.

"You know him as Grandpa Jack, don't you?" she asked. "Yes. Grandpa Jack," they replied enthusiastically. That's how many of those in Noble County who crossed paths with Mr. Kurtz came to call him — Grandpa Jack.

His military service and devotion to family stemmed from his adventurous teenage years, said his daughter, Sherri DeLong. Kendallville Police officer Ben Wilondek approached Mr. Kurtz's father and told him the military would make his son become a man, so he signed for his son to join the U.S. Army. When his time was up in the Army, he re-enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

"Dad believed in his country and what it stood for," DeLong said. "His patriotism ran deep."

He was a life member of the Francis Vinyard VFW Post 2749 in Kendallville, a past chaplain of the post and a faithful member of the funeral honor guard team for many years. He was also a life member of American Legion Post 381 in Rome City.

Scuba diving was one of Mr. Kurtz's favorite activities. He and Coil started the Noble County Rescue Dive Team.

"We dived in lakes all around the area. He taught me scuba diving," Coil said. "We thought, 'Why don't we get a rescue team started?' and we talked to fire departments about it," he said. That was in the 1960s, and today most area fire departments have rescue divers.

Mr. Kurtz began the Indiana Diving Council and was a member of the Fort Wayne Scuba Diving Club.

He was a Notre Dame fan and an avid golfer.

"Golf was his game," said his granddaughter, Lindy Munson. "In the book of Jack, golf was a year-round sport. If the course was open, he was there." DeLong said her father started many young golfers with their first set of clubs.

Munson said Grandpa Jack was an entrepreneur and a shopper who bought and sold anything.

"If he really liked something, he didn't just buy one, but he bought one of every color and style and then would turn around and sell it to you," she said.

He was a man of style and loved to dance. Grandpa Jack enjoyed eating, and believed that peanut butter made everything taste better, recalled Munson.

PHOTO CONTRIBUTED

Jack Kurtz enjoyed golf. His granddaughter Lindy Munson said, "In the book of Jack, golf was a year-round sport."

He had a song, saying or jingle for everything and a nickname for everyone, she said.

"Above all, he was mostly proud of his family. He had a knack for making each of us feel like we were his favorite," Munson said.

He was a member of Mount Pleasant Lutheran Church near Kendallville and a past president of the church council.

Mr. Kurtz is survived by his wife, Donna Lee Kurtz of Albion, a son, two daughters, nine grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, two brothers, a sister and a brother-in-law.

He is buried in Mount Pleasant Cemetery near Kendallville.

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Russell Lloyd II

KENDALLVILLE — Russell E. Lloyd II, 77, of Kendallville entered into rest on Friday, March 25, 2011, at the Veterans Administration Northern Indiana Health Care System in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Lloyd was born and raised in Warsaw on April 29, 1933, to Russell E. Lloyd Sr. and Arizona (Ruhl) Lloyd. They preceded him in death. Mr. Lloyd spent most of his life living in the Auburn and Waterloo area.

Mr. Lloyd

Mr. Lloyd honorably served his country in the United States Army as an MP from April 1953 until May 1955 in Germany. He was employed by Allen Dairy before losing his leg in a 1975 accident, which did not prevent him from continuing an active life. Mr. Lloyd served as a reserve officer for both the Auburn Police Department and the Waterloo Police Department. Mr. Lloyd was a Boy Scout leader for Troop #177. He also coached and umpired Little League baseball for several years. Mr. Lloyd enjoyed wood crafting, fishing, golfing and playing poker or euchre.

Some folks may remember him as Russell " Santa Claus" Lloyd, or "Santa Russ." For many years "Santa Russ" made visits to businesses and homes throughout the region, making kids wonder if he really was Santa because of his natural white beard and his endearing Christmas spirit! He would always say he was Santa's helper trying to see if you were naughty or nice ... and of course, you were always nice!

The Lloyd family would like to extend a special thank you to the extraordinary caring staff on the fourth floor at the VA Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include: one son: Russell E. Lloyd III and his wife, Rene Lloyd, of Rome City; three daughters: Leslie (Lee) and John Shoudel of Auburn, Holly and John Hoffman of Corunna, and Amanda and Jay Thompson of Kendallville; nine grandchildren: Jeremy Lloyd, Ryan Hoffman, Melissa Lloyd, Taya Shoudel, Cherise (Lloyd) Rhodes, Jason Getts, Ashley (Hoffman) Edwards, Lindsey Hoffman and Thomas Lloyd; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, one sister; Rosemary Stebing, and his special companion, Veda Laughlin.

Visitation will be Monday, March 28, 2011, from 4-7 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral service at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville. Officiating the funeral service will be Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier. Burial will be at Marion National Cemetery in Marion.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Veterans Administration Northern Indiana Health Care System in Fort Wayne.

Condolences may be sent to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com or on Facebook.com.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to: Hite Funeral Home, 403 S. Main St., Kendallville, IN 46755.

Waterloo man dies from fire injuries

WATERLOO — A Waterloo man died Saturday from injuries he suffered in a house fire Feb. 27.

Jerald E. Furrow, 46, sustained severe burns in the blaze at 815 Railroad St. At the time, Waterloo Marshal Jay Oberholtzer said Furrow told him a propane space heater started the fire.

Furrow told the marshal that he awoke to find the house in flames just before 9 a.m. After escaping, he re-entered the house to search for his pit bull, but could not find the dog. The marshal found Furrow sitting on the back porch of the house with visible burn injuries. Medics took Furrow to the St. Joseph Hospital burn unit in Fort Wayne for treatment.

An obituary for Mr. Furrow appears on page A4 of today's edition.

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March 27, 2011, Sunday

Paul McDonald

CORUNNA — Paul J. McDonald, 97, died Saturday, March 26, 2011, at his home in Corunna.

He was born Feb. 16, 1914, in Corunna to the late Archie F. and Bertha G. (Oster) McDonald.

Mr. McDonald

Mr. McDonald worked for 23 years on the New York Central Railroad, then for 13 years with Stanadyne in Garrett. He was a member of the Corunna United Brethren Church.

He married Mary Ellen Roop on June 12, 1935, in Corunna, and she died Oct. 22, 1992.

He is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Roger and Sharon McDonald of Auburn; two daughters and a son-in-law, Brenda Martin of Corunna and Janice and Jerry Worden of Corunna; seven grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, three great-great-granddaughters and a sister, Irene Francis of Garrett.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Corunna United Brethren Church with the Rev. Kevin Whitacre, the Rev. Jason Hollopeter and the Rev. Jim Jillette officiating. Burial will be in Corunna Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling is Tuesday from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. at Feller and Clark Funeral Home in Waterloo and one hour prior to the service Wednesday at the church.

Memorials are to the Corunna United Brethren Church. To send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Jerald Furrow

WATERLOO — Jerald E. Furrow, 46, of Waterloo died Saturday, March 26, 2011, at DeKalb Memorial Hospital in Auburn. Mr. Furrow was severely burned in a house fire three weeks ago.

He was born in Auburn April 30, 1964. His father, James Furrow, survives in Bryan, Ohio, and his mother, Shelia (Clear) Ulery, survives in Waterloo.

He is also survived by a daughter, Heather DePew of Auburn, and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Dan and Barbara Furrow of Waterloo and Everett Furrow of Waterloo.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Tuesday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, Waterloo. Burial will be in Cedar Lake Cemetery, Corunna.

Calling is three hours prior to the service Tuesday from noon to 3 p.m. at the funeral home. Memorials can be directed to the family in care of Shelia Ulrey. To send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

Marcella Lovejoy

ANGOLA — Marcella B. Lovejoy, 90, of Angola died March 26, 2011, at her home.

Arrangements are being handled by Weicht Funeral Home in Angola. A full obituary will appear in Tuesday's newspaper.

Rosa Whetstone

TOPEKA — Rosa M. (Eash) Whetstone, 90, of Topeka died at 4:17 p.m. Friday, March 25, 2011.

She was born Jan. 22, 1921, in LaGrange County to Menno and Sarah (Lambright) Eash.

On Jan. 31, 1946, she married John S. Whetstone.

She is survived by her husband, John; two sons and daughters-in-law, Glen and Alma Whetstone of Topeka and Orva and Emma Sue Whetstone of Topeka; three daughters and sons-in-law, Orpha and Wilbur Yoder of Topeka, Polly Anna and Clarence Fry of Millersburg, and Mary Ellen and Ezra Petersheim of Kingston, Wis., 29 grandchildren and 100 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, three brothers, Enos, Andrew and William, and four stillborn great-grandchildren.

Friends may call all day today at the Glen Lehman residence, 8480 W. 500 S, Topeka.

Services will be Monday at 9:30 a.m. at the Marlin G. Yoder residence, 7585 W. 500 S, Topeka. Burial will follow at Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka.

Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier is assisting the family with arrangements.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com

THE NEWS SUN
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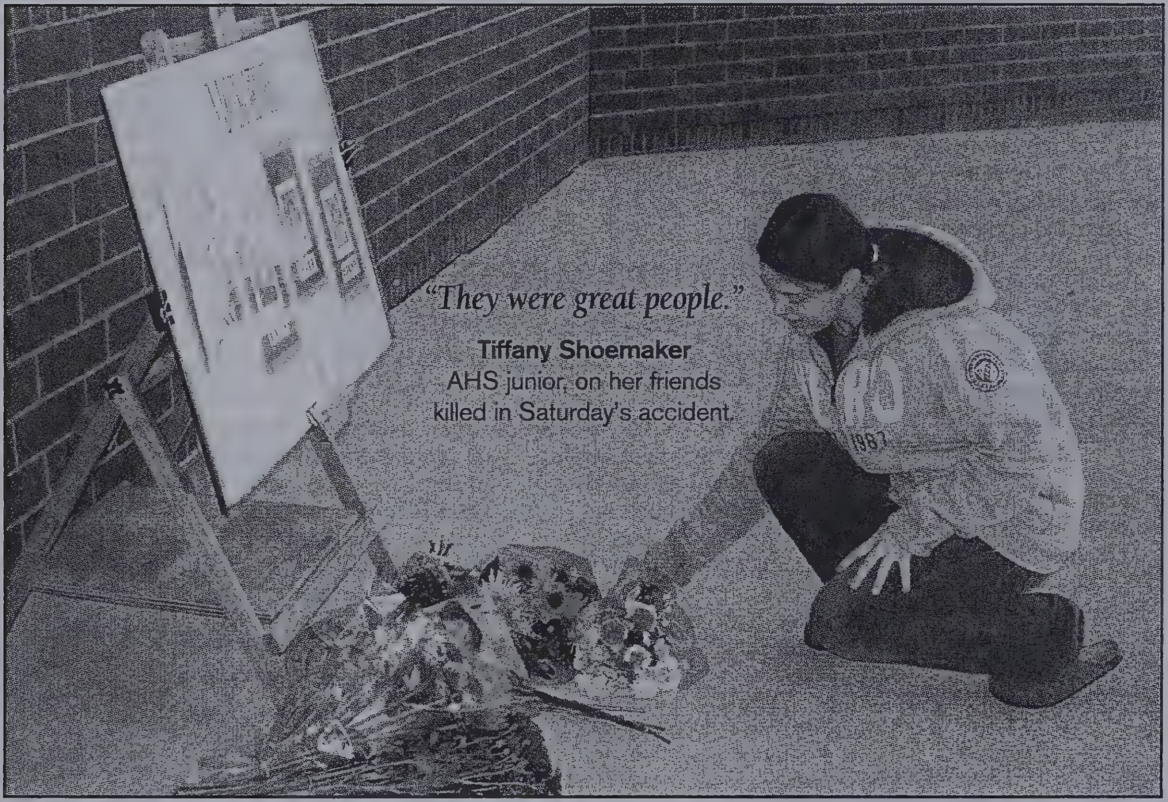
Angola mourns 4 seniors



"They were great people."

Tiffany Shoemaker
AHS junior, on her friends killed in Saturday's accident.

MIKE MARTURELLO

Tiffany Shoemaker, an Angola High School junior, places a bouquet of flowers in front of a sign at the entrance to the high school on Sunday afternoon. Two tributes to four young men killed Saturday in a wreck as they returned to Angola from spring break were also held. Killed in the wreck were Alexx Bauer, Matt Roe, Evan Weaver and Riley Zimmer.

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Crash victims remembered at memorials Sunday

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ANGOLA — A sadness fell over the Angola community and beyond Sunday as people from many walks of life mourned the deaths of four Angola High School seniors who were killed in a wreck Saturday as they returned home from spring break in Florida.

Counselors at AHS set up a memorial at the entrance to the school and the lighted sign at the front of the school yard read, "We love you Alexx, Evan, Matt & Riley."

Throughout the day, one by one, classmates stopped by the memorial to drop off bouquets of flowers and other memorabilia in honor of Alexx Bauer, Matthew Roe, Evan Weaver and Riley Zimmer, all of Angola. The four 18-year-olds were killed in a crash in Alabama shortly after 4 p.m. EDT Saturday as they were returning home from spring break.

"They were great people," said Tiffany Shoemaker, an AHS junior who was friends with the four. Shoemaker and friend Miranda Davenport stopped at the school to drop off flowers and look at the memorial.

And cry.

Tears flowed throughout the community Sunday as people learned the news of the tragedy. Tributes were established on Facebook, with a moment of silence urged at noon for literally thousands of people. Many changed their profile photos to an image of a lighted candle. A candlelight vigil was held Sunday afternoon — on Facebook.

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MOURNS: *AHS will have counseling available*

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"It is with profound sadness that we announce the loss of four young men who were members of the senior class at Angola High School," said a statement released Sunday by AHS Principal Steve Grill. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the families and friends of these fine young men."

Sunday night, at the Angola United Methodist Church, a traditional candlelight vigil was held. Friends, family and community members jammed the church to show support and remember Angola's native sons.

"I think the meetings tonight were helpful to the kids," Grill said. "It's all helpful to our kids, our staff and our community to work through this loss."

Though nothing has been scheduled, Grill expects there will be a service for the four later in the week. No funeral services have been set.

Meanwhile, Brandon Van Gordon waited outside the church for friends to arrive. He came to offer his support.

"I played football with Alexx and Riley and basketball with Evan and Matt," Van Gordon said. "When I heard, I was shocked and didn't want to believe it."

Tracey Zimmerman, the church's youth minister, greeted people attending the candlelight ceremony. She said her son, Gus Zimmerman, played football for Angola. Gus covered the star quarterback, Bauer's, blindside, she said.

Some classmates carried flowers to the ceremony, like Jessica Cole and Sabrina Money. Others were too overcome by emotion to speak.

Heather Amstutz, Fort Wayne, came to the church because her son, Luke Amstutz, is Angola's head football coach and she wanted to support him. When she first learned the four Angola teens were killed, she said she couldn't speak and added it's even harder because she can empathize as a mother.

"What I know of the two (Bauer and Zimmer) is they were wonderful kids," she said.

Down the street at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, the four teens were also remembered at a memorial. Many friends wept openly. Others spoke freely about their memories.

Riley was recalled as talking about his family daily, for being sensitive. Lisa Tracy said she knew Riley since he was a little boy. "He was our hero when … he saved our puppy from being killed … He was and is my daughter's great love," Tracy said.

Alexx was referred to as a "nature boy" and "the greatest football player ever to play at Angola."

Matt was known for his soccer abilities.

Evan was noted for his musical abilities and for being "cute."

Kellyn Zimmer, Riley's sister, told those gathered at the church to embrace the memories of the four teens.

"You're all going to graduate and we'll all have careers. We have to take the best things out of these boys," Kellyn Zimmer said.

Grill said a room will be set up today at the high school so students who need to get counseling will be able to do so.

"Our No. 1 priority right now is making sure everybody has any help that they need," Grill said.

A crisis team of AHS administrators, counselors and staff met Sunday afternoon to develop a plan to help with the healing process for students.

"It's such a shock for everybody," Grill said, "especially the close family and friends. We've just got to help them heal."

The crash also killed Niall McNellis, 21, of Troy, Ala., who was driving a van that hit the Angola men's car.

The collision occurred on I-65 in Chilton County, Ala., about 25 miles north of Montgomery, said Cpl. Steve Smith of the Alabama Department of Public Safety.

McNellis was driving a 2000 Chrysler Town & Country southbound when it crossed the median and struck the Angola men's northbound car. Police said Zimmer was driving a 2009 Ford Taurus with the other three men as passengers.

A northbound BMW car also struck Zimmer's car after the first impact. Police said Leah Beksvoort of Tennessee was driving that car. She and two children were taken to a local hospital for treatment of their injuries, which were not life-threatening.

A Montgomery, Ala., television station's website reported that state troopers said severe weather could have played a role in the crash. Smith, the official police spokesman, said he had no information about weather affecting the crash.

Smith said the crash remains under investigation by reconstruction experts, a process that could take a few days.

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Country music, radio star Taylor dies at 89

AVILLA — Country music star Joseph "Joe" Taylor died Thursday at his home in Avilla, according to his sister-in-law, Patty Corbat. He was 89.

Taylor

Taylor was the lead singer of Joe Taylor and his Indiana Red Birds, a band that played from 1948 to 1998. Corbat, under the stage name Patty Corbett, was also in the band.

The star of local radio shows in Fort Wayne, the band had two series at once on two different radio stations — WOWO and WGL — at the height of its popularity in the mid-1950s. Its final radio series ended Nov. 11, 1967.

The band also frequently performed at Buck Lake Ranch and worked with superstars including Johnny Cash, Dolly Parton, Gene Autry, Buddy Holly, Minnie Pearl, the Lennon Sisters and George Jones.

Joe Taylor and his Indiana Red Birds received a plaque in the Country Music hall of Fame in Nashville.

Calling and funeral service information for Taylor appears on Page A4.

Joseph Taylor

AVILLA — Joseph "Joe" Taylor died Thursday, March 24, 2011, at home in Avilla.

Calling will be 6-9 p.m. Tuesday and 1-3 and 5-8 p.m. Wednesday at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne. A celebration of life service will be at the funeral home at 12:30 p.m. Thursday. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 3 p.m. Thursday at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Arcola.

Memorials are to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, the SPCAs of Noble or Allen counties or Masses.

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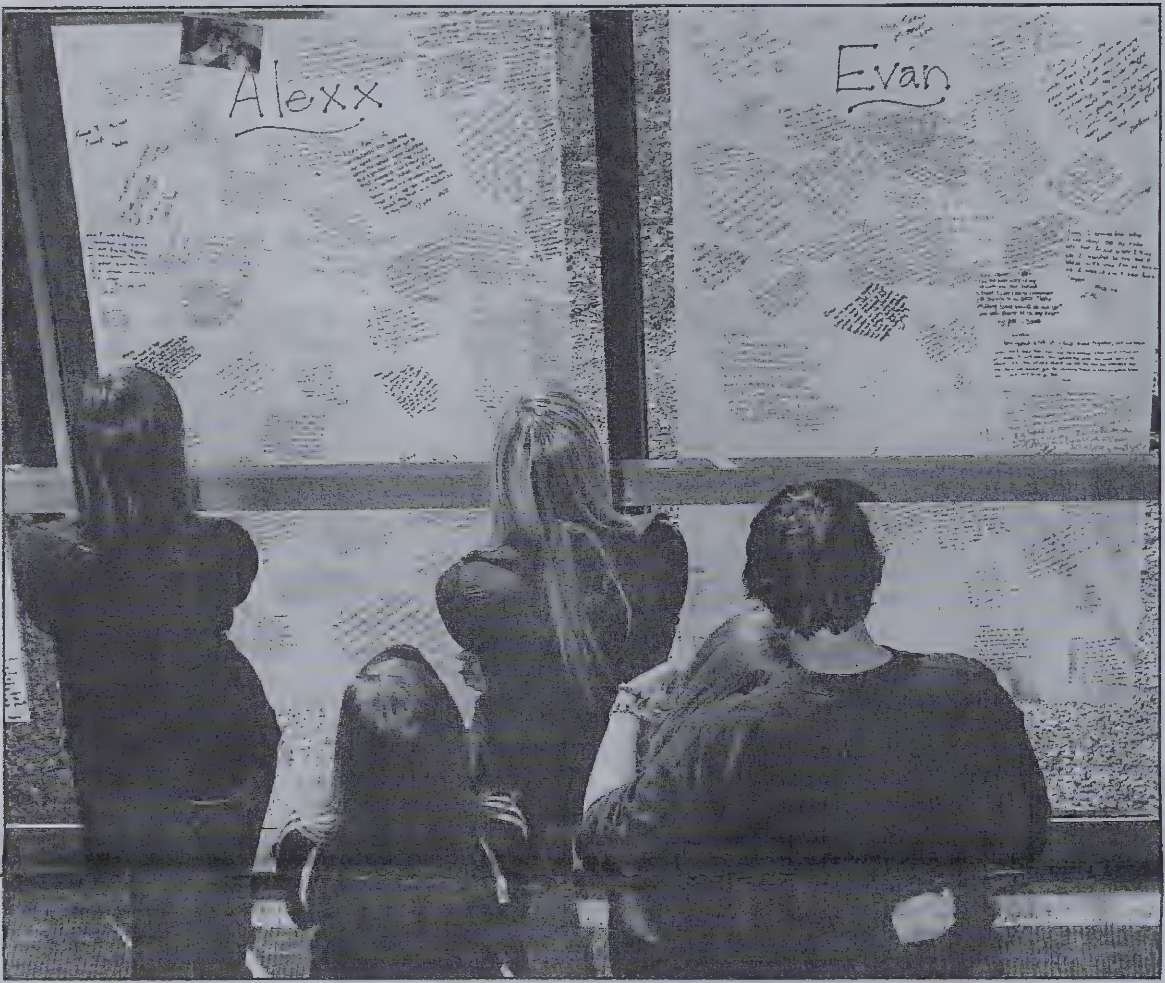
Remembering Lost Classmates



CHAD KLINE

Angola High School students read messages left on poster board to two of their fallen classmates, Alexx Bauer and Even Weaver. They along with classmates Matthew Roe and Riley Zimmer died in a crash Saturday on their way home from spring break in Florida.

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Students, community grieving

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ANGOLA — Angie Diehl spent Monday at Angola High School, where her son, Michael, would have been a senior this year.

Bauer

Roe

Weaver

Zimmer

Diehl and her sister, Carrie Reade, talked to students overcome with grief at the loss of four of their classmates — Alexx Bauer, Matthew Roe, Evan Weaver and Riley Zimmer — who died in a collision in Chilton County, Ala., Saturday evening, returning from spring break in Florida.

"I knew these kids were going to need help," said Diehl, whose oldest son died unexpectedly in the summer of 2008 after a brief illness. Reade's son, Tyler, is an AHS senior this year.

The two made rounds of the girls' restrooms all day, to be there for youths who needed a shoulder to cry on.

The hallways were filled with shell-shocked expressions and tear-stained eyes. In the cafeteria, students could share memories on large posters hung in the windows. During first period, students could meet in the gym, then the media center was opened during following periods for grief counseling and fellowship. A team of around a dozen counselors and other school professionals were available. Substitute teachers were brought in to help where needed.

"The teachers have done a tremendous job, as well, in the classroom," said AHS counselor David Police. While school work went on, teachers were encouraged to discuss the tragic loss. They were asked to postpone testing and take it easy on assignments for the first part of the week. Teachers tried to identify students in need of intervention, and also were told to address their own emotional needs.

"It's very traumatic for our teachers," Principal Steve Grill said.

Grill noted that the loss of four senior boys "impacts the whole building … and the whole community and probably much of the county." Grill himself is a relative of Zimmer. Court hearings in Steuben Superior Court were continued until later dates, as Judge William Fee is the uncle of Zimmer.

A community calling is planned for 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Trine University. The high school will hold a remembrance ceremony Thursday afternoon at the end of the school day for students and family members.

Prayer services occurred Sunday evening at Angola United Methodist Church and St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church. A scholarship fund has been created at the Steuben County Community Foundation — Fourever Friends 2011 Memorial. The city of Angola hung purple and gold ribbons on four poles on Public Square "In loving memory" of the young men. The Mayors Prayers exhibition basketball game against RISE Inc.'s Special Olympics

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> *"I've just been amazed at the resiliency of the kids."*
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> **David Police**
> Angola High School counselor

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GRIEVING: *Angola girls driving ahead on I-65*

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team, set for Wednesday, has been postponed. Flags flew at half-staff.

AHS guidance director Jack Vrana said parents should address the needs of AHS seniors and students, talk about the deaths and help their children work through it.

"I've just been amazed at the resiliency of the kids," said Police. "You see them helping each other … their strength gives all of us strength."

A little more than 200 students are in the AHS senior class, which lost four members in the collision. Bauer, Roe, Weaver and Zimmer were killed in a head-on crash when a van driven by Niall McNellis, 21, of Troy, Ala., crossed the median on I-65.

McNellis also died, and people in a third vehicle were injured.

Ahead of the four young men was a car carrying Angola High School girls, who began contacting friends and family members when they no longer could reach the carload of boys. The Bauer family also was northbound from Florida, ahead of the boys, and other local people passed the crash site after traffic began to flow again.

Indiana State Police Detective Kevin Smith was answering phones at the Fort Wayne post when a call arrived from Alabama State Police. Smith's daughter is in the AHS class of 2011.

"It's very personal for me," said Smith, who moved to the area in 1987. "I've known these families my entire time here."

Parents, students, AHS staff members and others were reeling this weekend when they got the news of the crash. By Monday morning, a memorial had been placed in front of the school, and the guidance and administrative team had a crisis management plan in place. Grill said he had so many offers for help from local ministers, he had to turn people away.

Roger Newman

WAWAKA — Roger W. Newman, 78, of Steinbarger Lake, Wawaka, died Sunday, March 27, 2011, at his residence following a short illness.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Friday at Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville.

Calling will be from 2-7 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home.

Memorials are to the Noble County Cancer Society.

A full obituary will appear in Wednesday's edition.

Terry Foster

CROMWELL — Terry Ray Foster, 42, died Saturday, March 26, 2011, at his father's home in Cromwell.

Mr. Foster

He was a 1986 graduate of DeKalb High School.

His parents are Ivan Foster of Cromwell and Charlene Foster of Angola.

Also surviving are a brother Mark Foster of Kendallville; a sister, Penny Wooster of Orland; and his companion, Henry White.

A memorial service will be held from 1-5 p.m. Saturday at the Ramada Inn in Angola.

Send memorials to Penny Wooster, 6162 N. C.R. 625W, Orland, IN 46776.

Evelyn Fuller

KENDALLVILLE — Evelyn Maxine Fuller, 85 of Kendallville and formerly of Union City, Mich., died Saturday, March 26, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.

There will be no visitation or formal services. Private services will be held at a later date.

Brazzell Funeral Home, Avilla Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

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Joe Taylor

AVILLA — Joe (Joseph) Taylor, the Cowboy Auctioneer, of Avilla, Ind., surrounded by his family, was called to pick his guitar and sing for his Heavenly Father Thursday, March 24, 2011.

Mr. Taylor

He was born May 11, 1921, the son of Bertha (Skaggs) and Joseph D. Taylor in Portsmouth, Ohio.

He worked 40 years at General Electric, retiring in 1981 but was best known for his career in country music. In 1948, he formed his band known as the Indiana Red Birds (the Red Birds).

Surviving are his son, Dan (Chris) Taylor of Fort Wayne; his daughter, Paula Jo Taylor (John) Marqueling of Nashville, Tenn; his partner in the Red Birds, Patty Corbat, of Avilla; his grandchildren, Jesse, Joey, Amanda, Brendan, Brittany and Bryce; his three stepgrandchildren, Matt, Andy and Danielle; his great-grandchildren, Hunter, Taylor and Rylee; his beloved Pomeranian, Dolly, and his countless friends.

A celebration of life service is at 12:30 p.m. Thursday, March 31, 2011 at Hockemeyer & Miller Funeral Home, 6131 St. Joe Road. Mass of Christian burial will follow at 3 p.m. Thursday, March 31, at St. Patrick's Church in Arcola with Father Dan Leeuw officiating.

Burial will be in St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery, Arcola.

Visitation is one hour prior to the services and also 6-9 today, Tuesday, March 29, and 1-3 p.m. and 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, preferred memorials to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, SPCA's of Noble or Allen County or Masses.

Julia Henney

ANGOLA — Julia Henney, 48, of Angola passed away at her home March 27, 2011.

She was born Aug. 13, 1962, the daughter of the late Kay Smyth and John Janiga.

Mrs. Henney

She loved to cherish her memories; husband, Allen, of nine years; stepsons, Aric Henney of New York and Matthew of Milledgeville, Ga.; her stepfather, Jim Smyth; her two sisters, Susan Choate and Ali Wheeler; a brother, Roger Smyth; and several nieces, nephews, and friends.

She was always happy when her hands were in the dirt tending to her flowers and garden.

A memorial service will take place at 2 p.m. Thursday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Jeff Alexander officiating.

The family will receive friends from 4-7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to PSI RHO Sorority, 7354 S. Brookside Park, Hamilton, IN 46742.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Douglas Frederick

LAGRANGE — Douglas E. Frederick, 77, of Sun City, Ariz., and formerly of LaGrange died Monday, March 14, 2011, at Banner Boswell Medical Center in Sun City.

Mr. Frederick had lived in LaGrange most of his life and had moved to Sun City in 1999.

He retired as a manager at the former Campbell Soup Co. in Howe.

Mr. Frederick was a veteran and served with United States Army National Guard.

He was a member of the LaGrange American Legion Post 215 where he was a past commander, and the LaGrange Moose Lodge 1351.

He was born Feb. 20, 1934, in Angola to Sylvester and Gladys (Campbell) Frederick. He married Donna Rae (Rossman) Lewis on March 19, 1976, in LaGrange. She survives in Sun City.

Also surviving are a daughter and son-in-law, Jan and Stephen Anderson of Grape Vine, Texas; a son and daughter-in-law, John and Kathleen Frederick of Patterson, Calif.; a stepdaughter and her husband, Vickie and Martin Neihardt of Howe; eight grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; a sister and brother-in-law, Helen Elaine and Glen J. Hart of Coldwater, Mich.; and a brother and sister-in-law, Sylvester G. and Betty Ann Frederick of Laurel, Md.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a stepson, Michael T. Lewis on Oct. 13, 2009; and a brother.

A memorial service will be at noon Saturday at Frurip-May Funeral Home, 309 W. Michigan St., LaGrange, with the Rev. Rustin Krapfl officiating. Military rites will be conducted by LaGrange American Legion Post 215.

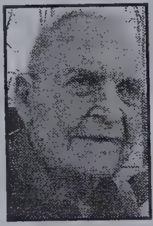
Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the service time on Saturday.

Memorials are to Disabled American Veterans.

Condolences may be left for the family at www.fruripmayfuneralhome.com.

Gerald Hamman

FREMONT — Gerald Eugene Hamman, 82, of Orland died Thursday, March 24, 2011, at Lutheran Life Villages in Kendallville.


Mr. Hamman

Mr. Hamman retired in 1991 as a press supervisor at Moore Business Forms in Angola.

He was a graduate of Hamilton High School and a U.S. Army veteran of the Korean War.

Mr. Hamman was a member of the Orland American Legion Post 423 where he was a past post commander and a member of the Commander Club. He was also an active member of Lions International and a former member of the Hamilton Fish and Game Club.

He was born May 13, 1928, in Steuben County to Otis Charles and Bernice Catherine (Ziegler) Hamman. He married Bettie Pearl McCrea on Nov. 20, 1951, in Angola. She preceded him in death Aug. 22, 1999.

Surviving are two daughters, Mary Katherine Bender of Indianapolis and Barbara Ann Hamman of Nashville, Tenn.; a son, Steven Eugene Hamman of Kendallville; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and four brothers, Denver C. Hamman, Robert D. Hamman, Homer Lee Hamman and Jerry D. Hamman.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Martha Elizabeth Messina, and his parents.

A memorial service will be held in May.

Memorials are to the Orland Fire and Rescue.

Beams Funeral Home in Fremont is in charge of arrangements.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

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Richard Beatty

AUBURN — Richard Thomas Beatty, 89, went home to be with the Lord on March 28, 2011, with his loving family at his side. Dick was born on February 7, 1922, in Kokomo, Indiana, to George Dewey Beatty and Fannie Elizabeth (Thomas) Beatty. After graduating from Kempton High School in 1940, he worked at Delco Remy in Anderson before enrolling for the U.S. Naval flight training school. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1942-1945 as an antisubmarine pilot both in the Atlantic and Pacific for which he received several commendations including the Distinguished Flying Cross. He continued to serve in the U.S. Naval Reserves until 1956.

Mr. Beatty

Following his military service, Dick pursued higher education at Indiana University and graduated with a BA degree in economics. He worked for Marathon Oil for 22 years, before moving to Auburn, Indiana, in 1972, where he worked as general manager of S&S Oil. He was licensed as a real estate broker and became general manager of DeKalb County Farmers Mutual Fire Insurance Company until his retirement.

Dick was known for his kind and generous nature and was an active participant in Auburn civic life. Besides running a campaign for mayor of Auburn in 1982, he was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, Mizpah Shrine, Auburn Lion's Club, and the Auburn Improvement Association. He also served as the president of the Mutual Insurance Companies Association of Indiana and the Auburn Plan Commission. He and his wife, Charlotte L. Beatty, were founding members of the St. Andrew's Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Richard was married to Virginia Rose Kashner until her death in 1970. He married Charlotte Liddell of Auburn, Indiana, on February 26, 1977, and had a rich and full life. He is survived by his family: wife, Charlotte Liddell Beatty of Auburn; children, David Dewey (Mary Blackburn) Beatty of Indianapolis, Karla Susan (Steve Thompson) Beatty of Mariposa, Calif., Ann Deborah (Robert) Panah of Fishers, Ind., Christopher Claude Beatty of Jacksonville, Fla., Candace (Ralph) Imbody of Fort Wayne, Daniel Liddell Cooper of Akron, Ohio, and Michael (June) Cooper of Bedford, Ind. His grandchildren include the following: Elizabeth Blackburn Beatty, Sarah Blackburn Beatty, Stephen Thomas Panah, Christine Rose Panah, Ryan Thompson, Danielle Imbody, Ashley (Michael) Vic, and Jake Cooper. He also has a great-granddaughter, Nona Skrzypczak. He is also survived by a sister-in-law, Barbara Beatty of Gainesville, Fla.

He was preceded in death by his siblings, Nancy Hefflemire, Helen Hiatt, Mary Rose Butterfield, George Lewis Beatty, and Charles Lee Beatty.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, March 31, 2011, at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn, with visitation from 10-11 a.m. Thursday prior the service. Pastor Glen Francis of the St. Andrew's Evangelical Presbyterian Church will be officiating assisted by Pastor Al Black. Burial will take place in Woodlawn Cemetery in Auburn, with military graveside services being conducted by the American Legion Post 97 of Auburn.

Visitation will also take place from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, 2011, at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the St. Andrew's Evangelical Presbyterian Church or the DeKalb County Humane Shelter.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

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Marcella Lovejoy

ANGOLA — Marcella B. Lovejoy, 90, of Angola died Saturday, March 26, 2011, at her home.

Mrs. Lovejoy

Mrs. Lovejoy was the co-owner of Lovejoy Oil Co.

She was a member of the Pleasant View Church of Christ in Angola. She was also a member of the Angola Women of the Moose, Angola Ladies of the Elks, the Steuben County Women's Club and various other clubs and organizations.

She wa born Aug. 8, 1920, to William and Mildred (Tingle) Pike. She married Ray M. Lovejoy on June 8, 1942. He died June 30, 1989.

Surviving are a son, Jim Lovejoy of Angola; a daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Steve Ferro of Jacksonville, Fla.; a brother, Jack Pike of Howell, Mich.; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; five brothers, Vern , Leslie, Wayne, Louis and Billy Pike; and two sisters, Vera Lovejoy and Myrta Koch.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m Thursday at Weicht Funeral Home in Angola the Pastor Alan LaRue officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery in Montpelier, Ohio, at 2 p.m.

Visitation will be from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home.

Memorials are to the donor's choice.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

Evan Weaver

ANGOLA — Evan Mitchell Weaver, 18, of Angola died Sunday, March 26, 2011, in Chilton County, Alabama, as the result of injuries in an automobile accident. He was on his way home from spring break in Florida with three of his friends.

Mr. Weaver

He was a host at the Angola Applebee's and was a cook at Hungry Howies in Angola.

A senior at Angola High School, he was active in basketball, baseball and soccer. He planned to attend a university in the fall and major in music production.

He was born Sept. 9, 1992, in Angola to Craig and Dana (McClure) Weaver. They survive in Angola.

Also surviving are his grandparents, Jack and Teresa Weaver of Big Sandy, Tenn., and Donna and Don Hendrixson of Angola; a brother, Adam Weaver of Angola; a sister, Brianna Weaver of Fort Wayne; a special friend, Tracy Byrne of Angola; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

He was preceded in death Lowell McClure and Dolores McClure.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Fairview Missionary Church in Angola with the Rev. Loren Regier officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Trine University's Busse Athletic and Recreation Center.

Memorials are to FOUREVER FRIENDS 2011 Memorial Scholarship in care of the Steuben County Community Foundation.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

You may sign the guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

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Matthew Zimmer

ANGOLA — Matthew Riley Zimmer, 18, of Angola, passed away on Saturday March 26, 2011, in Chilton County, Alabama, as a result of an automobile accident. He was on his way home from Spring Break in Florida with his three friends.

Mr. Zimmer

Matthew Riley Zimmer was born Sept 27, 1992, to Matt and Susie Zimmer in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

He was brought home to three loving siblings, Donny, Kelly and David who helped care for him and raise him up in so many ways.

We will all miss him dearly.

He was a devoted son and brother, loving and giving in every way. He was fiercely loyal to his friends and family, kind to strangers, and patient and gentle with animals. While Riley was often quiet and his actions generally spoke for themselves. However, in close company he was gregarious, and his wit and humor were boundless — bringing laughter and joy to all around him.

Riley understood the importance of physical human connection; he loved to have palms tickled and his feet massaged. He offered his hands to those in need of help, his broad shoulders to those in need of support, and his ears were always ready to listen when one was in need of a friend.

In the Catholic faith we are asked to accept the children with which God blesses us. In this most trying of times we pray for the strength to accept God's will as our child is called back to him, and to be grateful for the time that we were blessed with Riley's grace, strength, and presence in our lives. He made us all our better selves.

He worked with his dad at Pokagon Veterinary Hospital since he was able to hold a leash.

He was a senior at Angola High School in Angola, Indiana, where he played varsity football. He was a member of the National Honor Society and played Campus Life Basketball. He was a charter member of the Student Athlete Advisory Council of Angola High School and a nine-year member of the Steuben County 4H Club.

He enjoyed wakeboarding, spending time at the lake, athletics and Notre Dame Football.

He was training to obtain his pilot's license.

He loved his family, friends and his boarder collie, Duke, and his horse, Cisco.

Surviving are his parents, Matthew S. and Susan E. (Fee) Zimmer of Angola, Indiana; his grandmother, Elaine Zimmer of Columbus, Indiana; two brothers: Dr. Donald F. Zimmer of Rochester, Minnesota, and David I. Zimmer of Notre Dame, Indiana; one sister, Kellyn C. Zimmer of New York City, New York; and several aunts, uncles, one niece and several cousins.

He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Bill and Charlotte Fee and Donald T. Zimmer.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Friday, April 1, at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, Angola, with Father Fred Pache officiating.

Burial will be in St. Michael Catholic Cemetery, Waterloo, Indiana.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday, March 31, 2011, at Trine University's Busse Athletic and Recreation Center, Angola, Ind.

Memorial are to the Steuben County Therapeutic Riding Center and to FOUREVER FRIENDS 2011 Memorial Scholarship in care of the Steuben County Community Foundation.

You may sign the guest book at www.weichtfh.

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Matthew Roe

ANGOLA — Matthew Philip Roe, born February 8, 1993, passed away March 26, 2011, as a result of an automobile accident that also claimed the lives of three of his closest friends. The four Angola High School seniors had enjoyed a tremendous spring break in Panama City, Florida, and were on their way home.

Mr. Roe

Matthew is survived by his mother Janet Greenlee Roe, father Philip Roe (wife Tara Roe), and his sister Ellen Roe and stepsisters Kennedy, Karragen, and Taegan Strain.

He was beloved by his grandparents, Donald and Diane Roe (Angola, IN), Sue Ellen Greenlee (Carmel, IN), and Joseph A. and Rose Greenlee (LaGrange, IN). He was looked up to by each of his 20 plus cousins and adored by his 10 aunts and uncles. Matthew loved life, his friends in Angola, and summertime on Lake James and Oliver Lake.

Matthew was an active student at Angola High School. He was a member of the Spanish Honor Society, four-year varsity soccer letterman, on the sectional championship team and 2010 defensive player of the year. As a popular and engaged student, Matthew won the Senior Class Awards for Best Smile, Best Car (because it was as clean as brand new), and Best Bud.

He was a member of Covenant United Methodist Church of Fort Wayne, IN, and the Angola United Methodist Church, Angola, IN.

Matthew lived for the summers on the lake. He loved Lake James with his grandparents and being his Granddad's "matey" at Oliver Lake. Surrounded by his cousins and friends on the water, Matthew radiated joy with his beaming smile. He tubed, skied, and wakeboarded until the sun went down. Then he fished, speared gar, or played music until forced to quiet down. Wintertime meant snowmobiling and snowboarding.

He was a hard worker, committed to neatness and perfection. His wardrobe was maize and blue, a diehard Wolverine and Cubs fan, but he was excited to attend Indiana University this fall.

He is unforgettable and will be missed forever by family and friends in Indiana, Iowa, Ohio, Kansas, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Georgia, and Texas.

An open visitation will be Thursday, March 31, from 4-8 p.m. at Trine University's Busse Athletic and Recreation Center, Angola, IN.

Services will be Friday, April 1, 2011, at Fairview Missionary Church, Angola, IN, at 2 p.m. Pastors Norman Fuller and Tim Terrell will officiate. Burial will be at Circle Hill Cemetery, Angola, IN.

Memorials should go to Angola United Methodist Church, Angola, IN, Covenant United Methodist Church, Fort Wayne, IN, Steuben County YMCA, Oliver Lake Matthew P. Roe Memorial Fund and FOUREVER FRIENDS 2011 MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP, c/o Steuben Community Foundation.

Weicht Funeral Home in Angola is in charge of arrangements.

You may sign the guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 29, 2011, Tuesday

Alexx Bauer

ANGOLA — Alexx Keaton Bauer, 18, of Angola, Ind., passed away Saturday, March 26, 2011, in Chilton County, Alabama, as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was on his way home from spring break in Florida with his three friends.

Mr. Bauer

He was a senior at Angola High School where he was a varsity letterman in football, basketball and track. He was in the process of choosing where to play college football.

He was an elementary school mentor for Carlin Park Elementary and Hendry Park Elementary schools.

Alexx was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church in Angola.

He enjoyed hanging with his friends, fishing, sitting in the hot tub at the Fifers, cooking, ESPN and the Ohio State Buckeyes.

He was born June 3, 1992, in Sylvania, Ohio, to Gregg R. and Lisa D. (Wilch) Bauer of Angola. They survive.

Also surviving are his grandparents N. Ruth Bauer of Defiance, Ohio, and Fred and Joetta Wilch of Fostoria, Ohio; two brothers, Austin F. Bauer of Angola and Andy J. Bauer of Angola; aunts and uncles, Nancy and Gene Homan of Defiance, Ohio, Terry and Linda Bauer of Sidney, Ohio, Dave and Kyle Flory Bauer of Bryan, Ohio, Mark Bauer of Huron, Ohio, Brian and Jennette Wilch of Hudson, Ohio, and Nancy Harvey of Johnson City, Tenn.; many cousins; and his special friend, Rachel Weber.

He was preceded in death by his grandfather, Robert E. Bauer.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Fairview Missionary Church in Angola, Ind., with Pastor Donald E. Meyers and Pastor Angela Shannon officiating. Burial will be in Circle Hill Cemetery in Angola.

Visitation will be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Trine University's Busse Athletic and Recreation Center.

Memorials are to the Angola High School football program or FOUREVER FRIENDS 2011 in care of the Steuben County Communtiy Foundation.

Weicht Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Sign a guest book at www.weichtfh.com.

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In Remembrance

MIKE MARTURELLO

Purple and gold ribbons flutter in a slight breeze Tuesday afternoon on the southwest side of the Public Square in downtown Angola. The four bouquets of ribbons placed in the tree are in memory of Angola High School seniors Alexx Bauer, Matthew Roe, Evan Weaver and Riley Zimmer, who were killed in a wreck Saturday in Alabama.

Support grows for Angola crash victims

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BY MIKE MARTURELLO
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ANGOLA — The outpouring of support continues to take many turns in the wake of the Saturday deaths of four Angola High School seniors who died in a highway crash on their way home from spring break in Florida.

Alexx Bauer, Matthew Roe, Evan Weaver and Riley Zimmer, all of Angola, were killed in the wreck. The four 18-year-olds died in Alabama shortly after 4 p.m. EDT Saturday. The crash also killed Niall McNellis, 21, of Troy, Ala., who was driving a van that crossed the median, then hit the 2009 Taurus being driven by Zimmer. The collision occurred on I-65 in Chilton County, Ala., about 25 miles north of Montgomery.

A memorial established at AHS continues to grow with the placement of flowers and other memorabilia. Throughout the community there are signs of the loss, such as ribbon bouquets that adorn lights on the mound and another display of ribbons on one of the newly planted trees downtown on the southwest side of the Public Square.

Football jerseys to be retired

The football jerseys of Bauer (No. 10) and Zimmer (No. 9) are going to be retired by the Angola High School Athletic Department.

Bauer was a three-year starter at quarterback, a three-time All-Northeast Corner Conference selection and a three-time KPC Media Group All-Area Football Team selection. Bauer was a Class 4A Associated Press All-State honorable mention this past season. In his senior season he was 156-of-296 passing for 2,179 yards, 30 touchdown passes and 14 interceptions. He also was Angola's leading rusher: 139 carries, 691 yards (5 yards per carry) and six touchdowns. The team finished 9-2.

Weaver

Bauer

Zimmer

Roe

Zimmer starred on defense at linebacker and safety. He was a two-time All-NECC selection (2009, 2010) and KPC All-Area selection in 2009. Last season he compiled 54 tackles (38 solos, 16 assists), including three tackles for loss. He also had five pass breakups, four interceptions and two blocked kicks.

Downtown tribute request made

Go Angola is requesting in honor of the four young men that downtown businesses put battery

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SUPPORT: *Radio stations raising funds for victims' families; condolences continue to pour in*

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or electric candles in their windows on Thursday and Friday evenings. For more information, call Lee Ann Snyder at 665-3281.

Area radio stations raising money

Two Fort Wayne radio stations started an on-air marathon to raise funds for the families of the wreck victims.

On-air personalities at radio stations 93.3 and 107.9 pledged to stay on their air until they raised $45,000 for the families. A 93.3 spokesperson said phones were ringing off the hook with pledges.

Austin and Alana in the A.M. decided to do the drive yesterday after completing their show on 107.9.

Alana said the station was trying to help ease the burden of the families.

"What they are going through is traumatic, and we realize money's not going to bring their boys back, but we thought it would be helpful for the families," Austin said. "We're just doing our part."

The pair noted that there have been a couple of $1,000 donations and many in the $100 range. The stations had raised about $10,000 by early Tuesday afternoon.

Lugar sends condolences to AHS

Among the many letters, emails and other communications, Sen. Richard Lugar, R-Ind., sent a letter of condolence to AHS Principal Steve Grill.

"I was deeply saddened to learn of the tragic deaths of four talented Angola High School … seniors whose car was hit head-on while returning for their spring break vacation in Florida on Saturday.

"My thoughts and prayers are now with the Angola community as you remember and celebrate the talented lives and leadership of Alexx Bauer, Matthew Roe, Evan Weaver and Riley Zimmer."

Grill said on Monday that support and prayers have been offered from people across the United States.

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March 30, 2011, Wednesday

Roger Newman

WAWAKA — Roger W. Newman, 78, of Steinbarger Lake, Wawaka, passed away Sunday, March 27, 2011, at 9 p.m. in his residence following a short illness.

Mr. Newman, a lifetime area resident, graduated from Kendallville High School in 1951.

He honorably served his country in the U.S. Navy. Upon his return from the service he worked for his parents at Elmer's Bar on Main Street in Kendallville.

For the past 40 years he was self-employed with Newman's Enterprise Inc. as a merchandiser to area clubs, such as the VFW, American Legion, Eagles, and Moose.

He was a member of Kendallville VFW Post 2749, American Legion Post 86, Kendallville Moose Lodge 1301, Kendallville Eagles Lodge, the Garrett VFW, and the Goshen VFW.

He was a wonderful husband, father, and grandfather. He greatly enjoyed his family and friends and was well loved. He knew how to live life to the fullest.

He was born December 24, 1932, in Kendallville to Elmer T. and Pearl B. (Hewitt) Newman. On April 19, 1959, in Kendallville he married Evelyn Lehman.

Surviving are his wife, Evelyn Newman of Steinbarger Lake; two daughters and sons-in-law, Vicky and Gerald May of Ligonier and Dawn and David Marshall of Steinbarger Lake; a son and daughter-in-law, Mark and Rita Newman of Rome City; two grandsons, Greg E. Emerick Jr. and Derek Marshall, both of Kendallville; and a great-granddaughter, Malorie Elaine Marshall of Kendallville.

He was preceded in death by his parents, and two brothers, Richard Newman and Eugene Newman.

Funeral services will be Friday, April 1, 2011, at 2 p.m. in Young Family Funeral Home, Kendallville Chapel, 222 S. State St., Kendallville, with the Rev. James Tews of Messiah Lutheran Church, Wolcottville, officiating. Burial will be in Orange Cemetery, Rome City. Military graveside services will be provided by VFW Post 2749, American Legion Post 381, and active duty members of the U.S. military.

Casketbearers will be Mark Newman, Derek Marshall, Greg Emerick Jr., Gerald May, David Marshall, Wes Bailey, Wesley Bailey and Dan Oakley.

Calling is Thursday, March 31, 2011, from 2 to 7 p.m. in the funeral home.

Preferred memorials are to the Noble County Cancer Society.

View a video tribute after Thursday or send condolences to the family at www.youngfamilyfuneralhome.com.

A. Jenneive Smith

LAGRANGE — A. Jenneive Smith, 93, of LaGrange died Monday, March 28, 2011, at Norther Lakes Nursing Home in Angola

Johnson Funeral Home i Hudson is in charge of arrangements.

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March 30, 2011, Wednesday

Virginia Manon

AUBURN — Virginia M. "Ginny" Manon, 79, of Auburn died Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at Laurels of DeKalb Nursing Home in Butler.

Mrs. Manon

Mrs. Manon was a homemaker and also worked at various retail stores in the Auburn area.

She was also a longtime volunteer at the DeKalb Memorial Hospital Gift Shop.

She was born May 29, 1931, in Garrett to Roman and Laura (Blotkamp) Steigmeyer.

She married Robert D. "Bob" Manon on Sept. 23, 1950, in Garrett. He survives in Auburn.

Also surviving are four sons and daughters-in-law, Terry and Lynda Manon of Danville, Ky., David and Pam Manon of Auburn, Duaine and Patty Manon of Kendallville, and Jeffery and Sandy Manon of Longwood, Fla.; two daughters and a son-in-law, Julie and Gene Troyer of Ashley, and Amy Manon of Menasha, Wis.; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandson; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Patricia Frymer of Auburn and Sharon and Neal Simon of Garrett; a brother-in-law, Richard Wilcoxson; and a sister-in-law, Sharon Steigmeyer.

She was also preceded in death by her parents; six brothers; and a sister.

A Mass of Christian burial will be at 9:30 a.m. Friday at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 500 E. Seventh St., Auburn, with calling one hour prior at the church. Father Derrick Sneyd will be officiating. Burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Auburn.

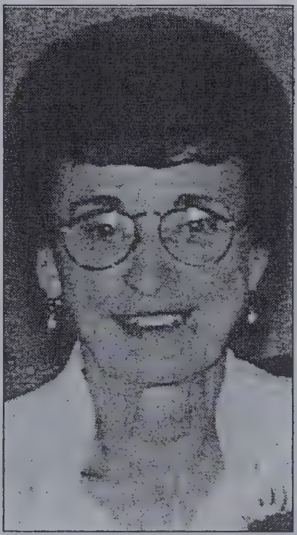
Calling will also be from 4-8 p.m. Thursday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 1860 S. Center St., Auburn.

Memorials may be directed to the Alzheimer's Association, 50 E. 91st Street, Suite 100, Indianapolis, IN 46240.

To view an online obituary or to send condolences, visit www.fellerandclark.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 30, 2011, Wednesday

Deloris M. Gaff, 85



Deloris M. Gaff, 85, a resident of rural Churubusco and widow of Herman L. Gaff, passed away at 12:46 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at Lutheran Hospital after suffering from apparent congestive heart failure. She had been hospitalized since Friday.

Mrs. Gaff was born on September 6, 1925 in Kosciusko County, a daughter of Charles and Flossie Ellen (Johnson) Leiter. She spent her formative years on the family farm near Sidney, and graduated from Sidney High School in 1943.

On May 18, 1946 she was married in North Manchester to Herman L. Gaff. The couple lived in North Webster for four years, and moved to the Churubusco-area in 1965.

Deloris was known as a hard working individual who never seemed to stop. She had worked at the Magic Wand Restaurant in Churubusco, served as an attendant at Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco, and also worked as a cashier at the Mor For Less Grocery in Churubusco for several years. In addition, she had also served as a volunteer at St. Joseph Hospital in Fort Wayne for many years. She was a member of Christ Community Church in Churubusco, and most importantly loved and cherished her family.

Mr. Gaff preceded her in death on February 10, 1984.

The surviving relatives include her beloved daughters Sue (Ernie) Pyle of Churubusco and JoDee (Leonard) Jaurigue of Fort Wayne; a brother Max (Doris) Leiter of Sidney; a sister Irene Barnes of Warsaw; ten grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two brothers Raymond Leiter and Eugene Leiter.

Funeral services were held Saturday, March 26, 2011, at the Sheets & Childs Funeral Home in Churubusco with Rev. Rick Van Horn, pastor of Christ Community Church, officiating.

Interment was in the Christian Chapel Cemetery, Merriam.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Christ Community Church.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Gaff's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
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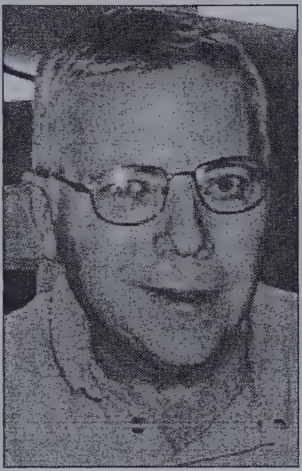
March 30, 2011, Wednesday

Billy L. Johnson, 64



Billy L. Johnson, age 64, of Ligonier passed away at Avalon Village in Ligonier on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at 5:58 a.m. following an extended illness.

Mr. Johnson was born on November 23, 1946 to Charles E. & Effie (Brown) Johnson in Wolf Lake, IN. He was a lifetime area resident.

Mr. Johnson worked for Starcraft in Goshen for over 25 years prior to retirement. He was a member of the Wawasee Lakeside Chapel, an avid golfer and above all, he loved the Lord.

He is survived by his former wife and best friend, Jeane Pauley of Albion, IN; two sons, Matthew (Shawn) Johnson of Syracuse, IN, Andrew (April) Johnson of Cromwell, IN; grandchildren, Chase, Mandy, Drew, Ian and Van Johnson; three siblings, Lester (Skinny) Bernard of Westville, IN, Charles (Paula) Johnson of Bartlett, TN, and Mary Jane Hare of Fort Myers, FL. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother, Robert Dean Johnson.

Funeral services were held in Mr. Johnson's honor on Saturday, March 26, 2011 at Yeager Funeral Home in Ligonier, IN with Pastor Harlan Steffen and Pastor Troy Diersing officiating. Burial was in Syracuse Cemetery in Syracuse, IN.

Memorial contributions are to Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson's Research, Church Street Station, P.O. Box 780, New York, NY 10008 or Wawasee Lakeside Chapel, 10419 N. Turkey Creek Rd., Syracuse, IN 46567.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 30, 2011, Wednesday

Thelma J. Leitch, 101

Thelma J. Leitch, 101, a resident of Churubusco and widow of long-time Churubusco businessman Daniel Devoyd Leitch, passed away at 8:45 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2011, at her home following a lengthy illness.

Mrs. Leitch was born in Avilla on July 4, 1909, a daughter of Thomas and Ethel (Owen) Cramer, and spent her formative years in that area. On November 14, 1924 she was married to Daniel Devoyd Leitch, and spent all of her adult life in Churubusco.

She assisted her husband in the operation of the former Leitch's Grocery in Churubusco for 43 years, and also worked at the former Bang's Dime Store for a period. She was a member of the Churubusco United Methodist Church.

Mr. Leitch preceded her in death on February 14, 1989.

The surviving relatives include her devoted daughter Betty (David L.) Bonar of Churubusco; a daughter-in-law Beatrice J. Leitch of Churubusco; five grandchildren Gary (Gisele) Bonar of Churubusco, Mark (Teresa) Bonar of Albion, and Carol (Rex) Carter, Jeffrey Bonar, and Scott Leitch, all of Churubusco; 12 great-grandchildren; and 13 great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to her parents and husband, she was preceded in death by two sons Jackie Lee Leitch on September 17, 1931 and Max E. "Skip" Leitch on September 21, 2003; her brothers Orlo Cramer and Wilbur Cramer; and a sister Hilda Glass.

Funeral services were held on Sunday, March 27, 2011, at the Churubusco United Methodist Church with Pastor Corinne K. Boruff, officiating.

Interment was in the Riverview Cemetery, south of Churubusco.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Churubusco United Methodist Church or Parkview Home Health & Hospice.

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mrs. Leitch's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 30, 2011, Wednesday

Patricia A. McLallin, 86

Patricia A. McLallin, 86, of Ligonier, IN, passed away on Thursday, March 24, 2011, at 6:30 PM in Northridge Village, Albion, IN. She was born on March 10, 1925 in Kendallville, IN to Paul Eugene and Leone Castor (Richards) Warford. She married Gerald W. McLallin on June 20, 1943. He preceded her in death in 2008.

She was a lifelong area resident and had farmed with her husband for over 50 years. Over the years she was very active and supportive of the community, volunteering for various organizations. She was also a faithful and active member of Sparta Church for over 68 years, during which time she taught adult Sunday School for 20 plus years.

Survivors include a son, Michael (Dianne) McLallin of Kendallville, IN; a son-in-law, Ned Gardner of Buchanan, MI; four daughters, Penelope (Art) Johnson of Indianapolis, IN, Paula Routson of Freeport, IL, Pia (Dan) Brauser of Irving, TX. and Peggy (Eric) Genshaw of Syracuse, IN; a sister, Dottie Grant of Richmond, VA; 11 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Prudence Gardner; her parents; and a brother, Richard Warford.

Services were held on Monday March 28, 2011 at Yeager Funeral Home, Ligonier, IN with Rev. Curryanne Hostetler officiating. Burial followed at Sparta Cemetery in Kimmell.

Memorial contributions may be made to: Sparta Church, 2738 N US Highway 33, Kimmell, IN 46760 or The Prudence E. Gardner Memorial Scholarship Fund, c/o Peggy Genshaw, 1213 Shore Lane, Syracuse, IN 46567.

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 30, 2011, Wednesday

Russell E. Lloyd, 77

Russell E. Lloyd II, age 77, of Kendallville entered into rest on Friday, March 25, 2011 at the Veterans Administration Northern Indiana Health Care System in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Lloyd was born and raised in Warsaw, Indiana on April 29, 1933 to Russell E. Lloyd Sr. and Arizona (Ruhl) Lloyd. They preceded him in death. Mr. Lloyd spent most of his life living in the Auburn and Waterloo area.

Mr. Lloyd honorably served his country in the United States Army as an MP from April 1953 until May 1955 in Germany. He was employed by Allen Dairy before losing his leg in a 1975 accident which did not prevent him from continuing an active life.

Mr. Lloyd served as a reserve officer for both the Auburn Police Department and the Waterloo Police Department.

Mr. Lloyd was a Boy Scout leader for Troop #177. He also coached and umpired little league baseball for several years. Mr. Lloyd enjoyed wood crafting, fishing, golfing and playing poker or euchre.

Some folks may remember his as Russell "Santa Claus" Lloyd, or "Santa Russ". For many years "Santa Russ" made visits to businesses and homes throughout the region making kids wonder if he really was Santa because of his natural white beard and his endearing Christmas spirit! He would always say he was Santa's helper trying to see if you were naughty or nice….and of course, you were always nice!

The Lloyd family would like to extend a special thank you to the extraordinary caring staff on the 4th floor at the VA Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Survivors include one son, Russell E. Lloyd III and his wife Rene Lloyd of Rome City; three daughters, Leslie (Lee) and John Shoudel of Auburn, Holly and John Hoffman of Corunna, Amanda and Jay Thompson of Kendallville; nine grandchildren, Jeremy Lloyd, Ryan Hoffman, Melissa Lloyd, Taya Shoudel, Cherise (Lloyd) Rhodes, Jason Getts, Ashley (Hoffman) Edwards, Lindsey Hoffman and Thomas Lloyd; and 17 great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Rosemary Stebing; and his special companion, Veda Laughlin.

Funeral services were Tuesday, March 29, 2011 at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Officiating the funeral service was Rev. Dr. Thomas Clothier.

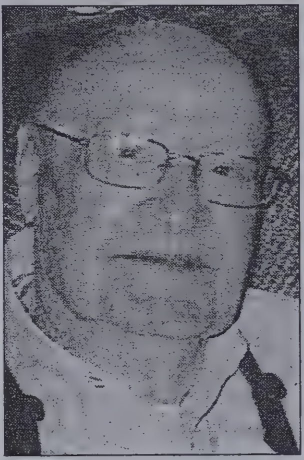
Burial was at Marion National Cemetery in Marion, Indiana.

Preferred memorials may be made to the Veterans Administration Northern Indiana Health Care System in Fort Wayne.

Send a condolence to the family at www.hitefuneralhome.com.

ALBION NEW ERA
Albion, IN
March 30, 2011, Wednesday

Joseph M. Fulk, 91



Joseph M. Fulk, 91, a former resident of Churubusco, passed away at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, March 27, 2011, at the home of his son in New Haven following a lengthy illness.

Mr. Fulk was born on May 11, 1919 in Mattoon, Illinois, the son of Joseph William and Lilly Leota (Johnson) Fulk, and spent his formative years there.

As a young man he served in the Adrennes, the Rhineland, and in Central Europe with the U.S. Army during World War II. During his time in the military he received several medals including the European African Middle Eastern Theater Ribbon, an overseas bar, and was awarded three of the prestigious Bronze Stars for his bravery.

He had served as the town marshal for the Town of Churubusco for several years, and retired as a machine operator at Wayne Pump in 1984. He was a member of the Columbia City American Legion Post and the Churubusco Veteran's of Foreign Wars Turtle Post 3846.

On May 23, 1936 he was married to Genevieve Louise Thompson. She preceded him in death on December 2, 1992. Following her death he lived with a companion Maggie Briggs, a long-time family friend. She too preceded him in death.

The surviving relatives include his children, Marleen (companion Richard Green) Green of Churubusco, Judy (Jim) Helfrich of Columbia City, and David M. (Carolyn) Fulk of New Haven, with whom he made his home; a sister, Violet Louise Heath of Trilla, Il; 16 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; and several great-great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by a sister Juanita Thompson; and by two grandsons.

Military graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 30, 2011, at the Eel River Cemetery, south of Churubusco. Rev. Edward A. Thompson, pastor of Good News Baptist Church, will officiate. Interment will follow.

At the request of the family there will be no calling hours.

Sheets & Childs Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

For those who wish, memorials may be directed to Visiting Nurse & Hospice Home, 5910 Homestead Road, Fort Wayne, IN 46804

To leave an online condolence for the family in Mr. Fulk's memory, log on to www.sheetsandchilds.net.

ALBION NEW ERA
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Rosa M. Whetstone, 90

Rosa M. (Eash) Whetstone, age 90, of Topeka, IN passed away at 4:17 PM on Friday, March 25, 2011.

She was born on January 22, 1921 in LaGrange County, IN to Menno and Sarah (Lambright) Eash. On January 31, 1946 she married John S. Whetstone.

She is survived by her husband John; two sons, Glen (Alma) Whetstone of Topeka, IN, Orva (Emma Sue) Whetstone of Topeka, IN; three daughters, Orpha (Wilbur) Yoder of Topeka, IN, Polly Anna (Clarence) Fry of Millersburg, IN, Mary Ellen (Ezra) Petersheim of Kingston, WI; 29 grandchildren and 100 great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents; three brothers, Enos, Andrew and William; and four stillborn great-grandchildren.

A funeral service was held on Monday March 28, 2011, at the Marlin G. Yoder residence.

Burial followed at Hawpatch Cemetery, Topeka, IN

Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.yeagerfuneralhome.com.

"When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure"

Thank you to everyone for their kindness and concern during Thom's illness and death.

-With much appreciation-
Sincerely always,

Judy Solee and Family

THE NEWS SUN
Kendallville, IN
March 31, 2011, Thursday

Edward Disser

FREMONT — Edward J. Disser, 93, of Clear Lake near Fremont and formerly of Fort Wayne died Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at Lakeland Nursing Center in Angola.

Mr. Disser

Mr. Disser was the retired president and owner of Moly-XL Lubricants Inc. in Fort Wayne. He was formerly associated with Lincoln Life, Anthony Wayne Corporation, Dix-Kelly Electric Co. and General Industries, all in the Fort Wayne area.

He was a graduate of Central Catholic High School in Fort Wayne and attended Notre Dame.

Mr. Disser was a World War II U.S. Army Air Corps veteran serving in the South Pacific.

He was a member of the Notre Dame Club of Fort Wayne, VFW Post 9500, St. Paul Chapel Catholic Church at Clear Lake, the NRA, and a charter member and past president of the Serra Club of Fort Wayne.

His hobbies included playing handball and in his younger days enjoyed playing football. He enjoyed the lake and boating and bicycling.

He was born July 2, 1917, in Fort Wayne to Edward John and Marie (Kelly) Disser. He married Barbara M. Snyder on Oct. 3, 1948, in Chicago Heights, Ill. She survives at Clear Lake.

Also surviving are four sons, David Disser of Houston, Texas, John Disser of Fort Wayne, Ind., James Disser of Montgomery, Texas, and Peter Disser of Long Beach, Ind.; four daughters, Janet Ward of Columbus, Ind., Ellen Bisson of Angola, Ind., Karen Nappi of Vienna, Va., and Sarah Bolger of Indianapolis, Ind.; 29 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Sarah Weigand of Fort Wayne, Ind., Josephine Barger of South Bend, Ind., Nancy Hollerbach of Boca Raton, Fla., and Sue Libbing of Fort Wayne.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Robert Disser; and three sisters, Mary Ellen Russell, Margaret Ann Heiny and Genevieve Welling.

Visitation will be from 2-5 p.m. Sunday, April 3, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont, Ind., with a prayer service at 4:30 p.m.

Funeral Mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Monday, April 4, 2011, at St. Paul Chapel at Clear Lake with Father Philip Schneider officiating. Private burial will be in Catholic Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Memorials are to St. Paul Chapel, Serra Club of Fort Wayne, or the Clear Lake Land Conservancy.

Gail LaRue Williams

FORT WAYNE — Gail LaRue Williams, 51, died at 1 a.m. March 29 at Parkview North Hospital in Fort Wayne.

She was born May 13, 1959 in Hazard, Kent.

A memorial will be held from 1-4 p.m. Friday at United Methodist Church in Wolcottville.

Delora DeKay

STURGIS, Mich. — Delora F. DeKay, 78, of Sturgis died Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at Borgess Medical Center in Kalamazoo.

Mrs. DeKay was a lifelong Sturgis resident.

She had been employed by Ross Laboratories, retiring in 1991.

Mrs. DeKay was an active member of the Burr Oak Missionary Church.

She was born May 22, 1932, in Sturgis to Garland and Beatrice (Rumbaugh) Godden. She married Gerald L. DeKay. He survives.

Also surviving are a daughter, Kristine (Lonnie) Merrill of Fremont, Ind.; three grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews and two great-nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; a son, Anthony "Tony" DeKay, and one sister: Janice Riggs.

Visitation will be from 6-8 p.m. today at the Hackman Family Funeral Home, Rosenberg Chapel, 807 E. Chicago Road, Sturgis.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home with Pastor Ken Fetter officiating.

Memorials are the Capt. John J. Kelley V.F.W. Post 1355, 264 W. Fawn River Road, Sturgis. E

Sign a guest book at www.hackmanfamilyfuneralhome.com.

Sarah Zehr

GOSHEN — Sarah Zehr, 97, of Goshen, passed away at 6:11 p.m. Wednesday, March 30, at her residence at 15063 C.R. 28 in Goshen.

She was born Sept. 14, 1913.

Visitation will be after 2 p.m. today and all day Friday at the family's residence.

A funeral service will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday at the Jr. Hershberger residence.

Funeral arrangements by Miller-Stewart Funeral Home, Middlebury.

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Larry Armstrong Sr.

FREMONT — Larry D. Armstrong Sr., 71, of Clear Lake near Fremont and formerly of Toledo, Ohio, died Wednesday, March 30, 2011, at Parkview Hospital in Fort Wayne.

Mr. Armstrong

Mr. Armstrong retired as a captain of the Toledo Police Department in 1992 after 28 years of service. He had also worked at at Owens Community College in Perrysburg, Ohio, as chairman of the Law Enforcement and Fire Science Technology Department.

He was a 1957 graduate of Edon High School and a 1977 graduate of the FBI National Academy. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1991 and then graduated from the University of Todeo with a Master of Public Administration in 1993.

Mr. Armstrong was a member of the Clear Lake Association, the Clear Lake Lions Club and the F.O.P. Lodge's Toledo chapter. He was a member and past president of the Clear Lake Town Council.

He enjoyed swimming and boating on Clear Lake and traveling.

He was born May 3, 1939, in Dayton, Ohio, to William and Myrtle (Schaffer) Armstrong. He married Kay J. Beck on April 19, 1958, in Montpelier, Ohio. She survives at Clear Lake.

Also surviving are two daughters, Kristi Armstrong of Waterville, Ohio, and Kelly and Brian Flanagan of Colgate, Wis.; two sons, Larry Jr. and Beth Armstrong of Canfield, Ohio; ten grandchildren, Megan and James Dobbs, Patrick Flanagan, Lindsy Cramer, Jaimie Cramer, Molly Flanagan, Robert Solter, Sara Armstrong, Emily Armstrong, Samantha Armstrong and Rebecca Armstrong; one great-grandchild, Blythe Dobbs; and three sisters and a brother-in-law, Pat Hay, Shirley Tibbs and Linda and Steve Welmem.

He was also preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Bill, Earl and Gene Armstrong; and a sister, Eileen Armstrong.

Visitation will be from 5-8 p.m. Friday, April 1, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 2, 2011, at Beams Funeral Home in Fremont with the Rev. Keith Olson officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery at Montpelier, Ohio.

Memorials are to the Clear Lake Land Conservancy.

Condolences may be sent online to www.beamsfuneralhome.com.

Robert King

KENDALLVILLE — Robert E. King, 91, of Kendallville died Wednesday, March 30, 2011, at Kendallville Manor Health Care Center.

Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Monday at Hite Funeral Home in Kendallville.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at the funeral home. Burial will be at Lindenwood Cemetery in Fort Wayne.

Terry Foster

CROMWELL — Terry Ray Foster, 42, died Saturday, March 26, 2011, at his father's home in Cromwell.

He was a 1986 graduate of DeKalb High School.

Mr. Foster

His parents are Ivan Foster of Cromwell and Charlene Foster of Angola.

Also surviving are a brother Mark Foster of Kendallville; a sister, Penny Wooster of Orland; and his companion, Henry White.

A memorial service will be held from 1-5 p.m. Saturday at the Ramada Inn in Angola.

Send memorials to Penny Wooster, 6162 N. C.R. 675W, Orland, IN 46776.

Andy Kintzel

FORT WAYNE — Andy LeRoy Kintzel, 26, died Tuesday, March 29, 2011, in Fort Wayne.

Services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday at Feller & Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, with Todd Steere officiating.

Calling will be from 1-4 p.m. Saturday prior to the service at the funeral home.

Memorials may be directed to the family in care of Christi Cossait.

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Every effort was made for accuracy.
I apologize if there are any errors.

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